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# ENGLAND v SCOTLAND

## SUPER STRIKER WITHE HAS NO EQUAL

Denis Law praises the  
Aston Villa star

have been an excellent opportunity to look at Parkes. "You have to make up your mind whether you want to win the Championship or whether you use them to experiment. Personally, because only the England-Scotland game is really regarded as important these days, I would have adopted the latter policy," says Denis.

After watching England's abysmal performance in the World Cup against Rumania, Law was even more certain that England must look to the future.

"Peter Withe in particular has been a revelation this season. Without question he has been the most important factor in Villa winning the League Championship. As a good old-fashioned type of centre-forward he has no equal in this country, and against

Trevor Brooking (10)  
shoots England  
ahead at Hampden  
Park last year.



**A**s a Scotsman — and proud of it — you may think Denis Law is the last person who should be giving advice to Ron Greenwood as to the players he should pick for the British Championship.

But either Denis is psychic or extremely helpful to the Auld Enemy, because after suggesting that Villa's Peter Withe and Dennis Mortimer should be called into the England squad, he heard that Ron Greenwood had done just that.

"I have thought for some time that Mortimer, Withe and Gary Shaw should be given a chance by England," said Denis, who only had two-thirds success in his tipping as Shaw was omitted.

And another of the former Scottish international selections failed to find favour with Greenwood.

"I would have given Phil Parkes a chance in goal. As Ray Clemence and the rest of the Liverpool and Ipswich players are unavailable because of European Cup commitments, I would have called Parkes in.

"Whenever I've seen him playing for West Ham he has impressed me greatly and it would do no harm at all to see how he performs for England at this sort of level.

"Of course, England have been wonderfully lucky with Clemence, Peter Shilton and Joe Corrigan, but the day cannot be far away when one of them has to drop out of the reckoning and this would

Brazil recently he made a very promising start to his international career.

"He has scored over 20 goals, created many more, and been the major influence behind the emergence of Gary Shaw. I think, the two of them together could do a good job for England, and I would like to see them given the chance."

Looking at the England squad for the Championship, Denis felt that yet another Villa player in Tony Morley might have got a chance, and he even had a feeling that Kenny Swain and Cyrille Regis may have been included.

### 'Problems'

"I think Russell Osman is a class player already and that Terry Butcher will be eventually. Dave Watson is also good to have around, and with Phil Thompson I don't think England have too many defensive problems.

"Once you've talked about Sansom, Mills, Neal and Anderson, though, the full-back scene is a bit thin. It's interesting that Derek Statham has been called up, because he looked a fine prospect a couple of years ago and was then overtaken by Sansom."

Looking at the midfield, Denis still feels England are lacking a driving dynamo in the Alan Ball, Billy Bremner, Archie Gemmill mould (notice two Scotsmen there), and that's why he's glad to see the name of Dennis Mortimer



# BATTLE OF THE BIG MEN

included.

"He may be just the sort to roll up his sleeves and keep the others going when the tide is going against them and the crowd are getting restless. I also like Bryan Robson, and I think he has proved that he is a player of international calibre."

After the Brazil game, Denis is looking forward to an England spearhead of Peter Barnes, Peter Withe and Steve Coppell being given an extended run.

"England still have the players to beat Scotland if they put their mind to it, but, as I said, the important thing to decide is whether to use these matches as a testing ground or to go all out for

but they should have beaten us more easily, and I think if they had played against Northern Ireland like that they would have lost."

Cohen was impressed by certain individuals, though.

"I had heard a lot of different reports about their goalkeeper Alan Rough but I thought he made some very good saves in both matches, and, of course, Alan Hansen who I know very well at Liverpool, was great in the middle of their defence."

"Another good friend of mine, Graeme Souness controlled things in the middle of the field very well, and I felt that Joe Jordan was in good form."

It was the big Manchester United striker who impressed Avi most of all.

"I have played against Joe once or twice, but have never seen him like this before. He was absolutely unbeatable in the air and showed terrific power. I have always thought Kenny Dalglish was the best player I ever saw in my life, and I still think that, but if he was playing with Jordan regularly I think both of them would be even better."

"Jordan seems to be improving

Gemmell, who was all right in Tel-Aviv but didn't cause us as many problems as we imagined."

So how does Avi think the Scots will fare in the Championship?

"I don't think they are as strong as the other countries. As I have said, I think playing as they did against us they would have lost to Northern Ireland, I don't know much about Wales, but I certainly think England are stronger."

## 'Better'

"They did not play very well against Rumania at Wembley, but I know Rumania to be very strong and England still have better players than Scotland."

So Avi's final assessment is that Scotland are still in the process of re-organisation — even if they are going to the World Cup Finals instead of Israel.

And as for Avi himself, despite widespread reports that he will be leaving Liverpool to return home during the Summer, he says:

"I will be staying at Anfield, and I will be fighting for my place. The only time I will be going back to Israel will be for holidays."



# JORDAN'S GREAT BUT ENGLAND WILL WIN

victories which can do the morale of the team good before it sets off for the next World Cup matches in Switzerland and Hungary.

"Whatever Ron Greenwood decides, it's going to be an interesting month."

That is the view shared by Avi Cohen, the Liverpool defender who has twice faced the Scots in recent World Cup games for Israel.

Cohen, who had a mixed second season with Liverpool, says:

"Scotland have some very good players, but they don't seem to be getting it together — as you English say."

"Most of the team play in the English League, and that is good for them, but somehow when they are together they don't play as a team."

"When we played them in Tel-Aviv I thought they were very poor, and we really should have beaten them. They did play better at Hampden Park, but even then I wasn't very impressed with their teamwork."

Avi thought the 3-1 scoreline flattered the Scots, especially as he considered the second penalty, converted by John Robertson, was the result of a harsh decision.

"We are not a very strong side,

**That's the verdict of Scotland's World Cup opponent Avi Cohen of Israel**

and he scored some good goals towards the end of the season which must have boosted his confidence."

Avi also likes John Robertson, but he has been disappointed with the Scottish team as a whole and the way they failed to capitalise on Robertson's crosses.

Another player who has disappointed Avi in the dark blue shirt is Tottenham's Steve Archibald.

"He had a very poor game against us in Israel and didn't play at Hampden. Neither did Archie

Steve Coppell congratulates Man Utd team-mate Joe Jordan, but they will be deadly enemies at Wembley on Saturday.



## Let's have some fire, England!

**G**O into the backstreets of Liverpool, London or Manchester and you will find hordes of youngsters kicking plastic footballs as if their very lives depended on it.

Kerbside games are arranged with the minimum of fuss, the players working feverishly from kick-off to try to emulate their illustrious Saturday afternoon heroes.

There is no need for anyone to crack a whip, urging them to greater effort. Their commitment is absolute.

The prize for victory is not measured in money terms. Their only reward is the sight of a ball whizzing between goalposts scored in chalk on the grubby wall at the end of the street.

Lamplight urchins like these could teach the England national team a thing or two about commitment.

Ron Greenwood shouldered most of the blame for England's flaccid performance against Rumania at Wembley. Yet once

## SHOOT view!

again he protected his players from the lash of the public's tongue as some critics sought to question his future.

It's not Ron Greenwood's fault. The blame lies squarely at the players' doorstep. The difference between Greenwood and some of his players is that he offers blood, sweat and probably tears — and they offer feeble excuses.

Long suffering Wembley fans paying big money at the turnstiles would probably forgive the crippling shortage of goals, the woeful lack of attacking ideas, and poor results in important games if they felt England's players were flogging themselves like a works side.

They sigh when Ray Wilkins sweeps the ball 40 yards to the feet of a colleague lying dead square or even behind the provider. They pray that the gods will intervene to imbue Wilkins with the skills which drove Bobby Charlton forward and compelled him to attack players and shoot at goal from long range.

The fans' message is simple. If we are to perish before the World Cup or on the parched pitches of Spain next summer, let us go down fighting, with sweat on our brow, as we did in the vastly improved showing against the Brazilians.

If England's players are in any doubt as to what is required of them against Scotland at Wembley this week, they should take a trip into any city suburb where the lads are self-motivated and lacking nothing in frenzied commitment.



A souvenir of a visit to Wembley for two Scottish fans following the game in 1977.



Shattered goalposts bear witness to the presence of the infamous Tartan Army.

# Enough of this...



Spectacular action and goalmouth thrills as England's Geoff Hurst gets in a shot at the Scottish goal at Wembley in 1967.

# more of this

**E**NGLAND against Scotland is the oldest and probably the greatest international match. It started in 1872 in Glasgow and now, 109 years later, is still going strong.

There have been many memorable clashes between the two countries and the 'scoreline' is evenly matched at 38 wins each ... even if England lead 179 to 164 on goals.

## Highlight

The fixture which has become the highlight of the domestic soccer season has a new meaning these days, though. A darker meaning ... one detached from football, yet sadly in many ways, so close to the sport in 1981.

Violence. Hooliganism. Trouble. These have become the words on people's lips as they talk about Saturday's match at Wembley. It's not so much 'who will win?' as 'how much trouble will there be?'

Not 'will there be any trouble?' Unfortunately, it seems inevitable.

It would be hypocritical of some English fans to criticise the behaviour, or misbehaviour, of Scotland supporters. The Scottish followers can rightly point to a trail of terror left by so-called supporters of English clubs and the national side when travelling.

Yet this should not really cloud the issue. We're only talking about England/Scotland and it's a fact that the reason this fixture is now in doubt is because of the way the Scotland fans conduct themselves on their visits to London.

Violence had been in evidence, but it exploded in 1977 with some of the worst scenes ever witnessed in British football as Scotland supporters invaded Wembley, ripped up the turf and broke the

goalposts. Those supporters who condone these actions by saying no one was hurt must be sick.

In 1979 over 200 Scots were arrested as they invaded the capital. Enough was enough. Something had to be done to protect the innocent from the drunken hordes.

The English F.A. slapped a ticket ban on Scots. Perhaps not the ideal solution, but those who criticised it couldn't come up with one more practical.

It may prove to be counter-productive. We may still see as many hooligans coming over the border, tickets or not. And a hooligan *without* a ticket is far more dangerous than one *with* a ticket.

These people who have blackened the name of Scotland should hang their heads in shame. The fixture has produced many memorable clashes and moments. Some of the world's greatest play-

ers have been involved in the excitement and drama of an England/Scotland match.

This magazine will never condone violence or hooligans, regardless of their background, colour or creed. We can understand how many European cities don't want England fans back. We were glad to see the Munich police take a strong line with the Liverpool supporters who disgraced themselves in West Germany.

## Violence

No country in the world has fans more loyal than Scotland. To see the Tartan Army backing their team is a truly magnificent sight. It's what we want to see at England/Scotland games. But because of the acts of violence, some Scots fans have been robbed of this pleasure.

Let's hope they don't ruin Saturday's match. It deserves better.



**T**O every young Scot who grows up kicking a ball around the back streets, the aim is to play against England at Wembley. It's the ultimate match for a Scot. Perhaps you have to be Scottish to really appreciate what the game, especially at Wembley, means.

When I was a kid it was certainly my dream to line-up against the English, but I seem fated to miss out. True, I came on as substitute at Hampden last year, but that hardly counts. It's walking out of the tunnel to the sea of flags and deafening sounds of the supporters that I want to sample.

I had high hopes of realising my ambition this weekend. It's been a good year for me internationally, being in all of Jock Stein's squads.

However, I picked up a hamstring strain in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Spurs, which forced me to miss the Highbury replay. Nothing too serious . . . the sort of injury that a short rest would have cured.

Something had to be done. I've sat in the crowd at Wembley and when 60,000 Scotland fans arrive things can get a bit out of hand.

The reservation I have is that I still expect thousands and thousands of Scots to be in London this weekend, tickets or not. For many, it's the highlight of the year and not having a ticket won't deter them. I just hope there isn't any trouble outside Wembley, but . . .

Had the England fans done in Glasgow what the Scots did in London, then Scotland wouldn't have wanted the English back, so I can appreciate local feelings.

The pity is, England/Scotland is such a marvellous fixture. I don't want to see it tarnished in any way and I can see the spectacle being damaged.

Next season the British Championship will be played throughout the campaign. The auld enemy meeting mid-week just wouldn't be the same. It may mean

# 'TICKET BAN WAS THE ONLY ANSWER'

Unfortunately, Wolves' First Division future was in jeopardy and I played in the last League games when I wasn't 100 per cent fit. I did quite well . . . at the expense of Scotland.

Wolves survived, but I aggravated the hamstring and I was forced to tell Jock Stein that I wouldn't be able to play in the British Championship. It wasn't an easy decision. I could have lied.

I just hope Scotland beat England without Andy Gray. England, with home advantage, will probably be slight favourites. Neither side is particularly settled, with both managers searching for the right formation and combination of players.

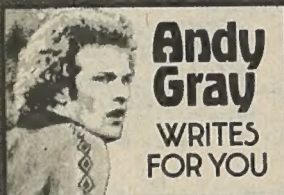
## Stronger

I'd say the Scotland defence, even without Alan Hansen, is the stronger. Danny McGrain, Kenny Burns, Gordon McQueen, Alex McLeish, Frank Gray — we have no shortage of classy back-men.

England's rearguard has looked just a little shaky at times and we have the man to exploit any weakness in Joe Jordan.

This is the sort of physical battle Joe relishes. He's told me many times how much he enjoys playing against Dave Watson. The big man has been in brilliant form this year.

My main worries about the game don't concern the match itself, but the potential crowd trouble. As a level-headed Scot I can understand why the two F.A.'s agreed on a ticket-ban north of the border.



"Alex McLeish (left) and Kenny Burns make Scotland's defence stronger than England's."

*Andy Gray*





**HARD-UP** Wolves are tracking bargain basement talent in the Scottish Highland League as manager John Barnwell starts rebuilding his ageing side.

Already, they have landed striker John Teasdale from Nairn County and he has figured in the first team quickly and impressed everyone at Molineux.

Now, Barnwell is ready to raid the Highlands again. Inverness Caledonian full-back Steve McLaren has already been to the Midlands for behind closed door trials and Wolves scouts in Scotland are keeping an eye on midfielder Mike Fridge and 16-year-old 'keeper Ian Thain also with Caley.

## PLATT'S DAY

**MIDDLESBROUGH** and Northern Ireland international goalkeeper **Jim Platt** has postponed his testimonial match until early next season. Club and international commitments ruled out a late April date, though Middlesbrough had agreed to the idea of a Sunday match.

## AIMING HIGHER

**ROTHERHAM** will be playing in Division Two next season, but their go-ahead chairman Anton Johnson has his sights set even higher.

"It's the club's centenary in 1984," he says. "What better way to celebrate than being in the First Division?"



## McFarland wants new club

**ROY McFarland** is leaving Derby County after 14 seasons at the Baseball Ground. The England defender, however, has no intention of retiring and is looking around for a new club.

He has not exactly had a successful time over the past two seasons because of a series of injuries.

McFarland played in only 18 first team games the season before last and only appeared in five more in 1980-81.

Despite these set-backs he is still highly rated in the game and if he could escape further injuries he would be a big asset to any club.

**LITTLE-known** striker Billy Cawthra will always maintain he scored a winning goal at Wembley... even if the record books don't show it.

Cawthra played for Whickham in the Final of the FA Vase against Midlands club Willenhall Town.

And he was involved in the extra-time goal which brought victory for the tiny club from a village on the outskirts of Newcastle.

It crowned a fightback from Whickham who were 2-0 down soon after the kick-off and 30-year-old Cawthra claims his shot was going in before it was deflected by Willenhall defender Bob Peck.

"Some people might not agree, but I'll always maintain the goal was mine," said Cawthra.

# MORAN'S A 'SUPERMAN'

**RAY Wilkins** says he is possibly the hardest player since Ron Harris. Lou Macari is adamant he is the toughest player in the First Division, while ex-United manager Dave Sexton claims he is a colossus in the Duncan Edwards mould.

The player they are describing is United's tough Dubliner Kevin Moran. His team-mate Jimmy Nicholl says Moran's as strong as a racehorse and looks as though "he's been brought up on Guinness."

Moran, essentially a defender, switched to midfield for the first time when United rocked Ipswich's title hopes with a 2-1 victory at Old Trafford and held on to the number four shirt as United swept aside all-comers to end a disappointing season on a high note.

But does he agree with his hardman image? "Like Joe Jordan I do try to compete for every ball, and I am fairly well built, so part of my game is my strength."

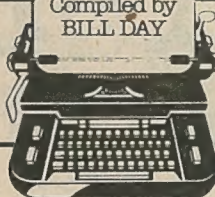
"I reckon to have a fair chance against anybody in a 50-50 tackle. If you go in for the ball feeling at all half-hearted then you can often come off worse... you're much better going in and giving everything."

"I must admit I do like the involvement of playing in midfield... and I love being able to go forward and I just hope I can make the position my own."



## NEWS DESK

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**BILL DAY**



**NO ONE** was more pleased than Aston Villa boss, Ron Saunders, when his two key players, Dennis Mortimer and Peter Withe, were selected for England duty.

Only a couple of days earlier after Villa had landed the Football League trophy Saunders had said: "Perhaps now we might get a player selected for England!"

The Villa boss feels that Mortimer and Withe could make a big contribution to England's current team with the likes of Gary Shaw and Tony Morley in contention for caps.

**CARLISLE** manager Bob Stokoe turned down a beat-the-deadline bid from Sheffield Wednesday for his striker Gordon Staniforth.

Now Wednesday are ready to try again after manager Jack Charlton watched the former Hull player score a hat-trick against Burnley.

And, this time, Stokoe is more likely to agree to a move for a fee in the region of £150,000.

Also on the move from Brunton Park this summer will be Owen Brown and Stuart Metcalfe, who were bought less than 12 months ago.

## Clever Alan

**ALAN ROUTLEDGE**, a 20-year-old left-back or midfielder on Bristol Rovers books, is a studious type.

A part-time professional with Rovers, he is taking a degree in materials science at Bath University.

A former England schoolboy trialist and a Northumberland youth player, he made his senior debut for Rovers as a substitute at Grimsby last January.

## Coventry's tale of woe

**GORDON Milne** is convinced that his side will learn a lot from their up and down season.

A season where they reached the Semi-Final of the League Cup and then struggled in the League.

"We have been having trouble scoring goals. We have become so nervous that we were getting uptight even at throw-ins."

With the departure of Tommy Hutchison to Manchester City, Coventry were left lacking experience.

As Milne says: "I know we haven't had the experience but where do kids of 18 and 19 get that experience? It's impossible for them to have played 300 or so League games at their age."



**JACK CHARLTON**, former England and Leeds United centre-half whose tackling gained considerable respect from strikers, is as gentle as a Spring lamb with his trout fishing rod in the Derbyshire Peak District.



# Brady's missing

EIRE take off on a mini tour of Europe this weekend. They play West Germany 'B' in Bremen and then Poland in Bydgoszcz.

It seems that Eire come good every second game. Following the disappointment of losing to Belgium in the World Cup in March, they bounced back last month. Then an under-strength side beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 at Lansdowne Road.

That excellent home win was achieved without six regulars, so manager Eoin Hand will not be worried if once again he has to field an under-strength side.

Brady, Hughton, Lawrenson, Grealish, Heighway and Robinson all missed the Czech game. But Eire found a new goalscorer in Kevin Moran. The Manchester United central-defender headed two brilliant goals and must become a regular in the green shirt.

Missing will be Liam Brady and Mickey Walsh.

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MICK Docherty was certainly thrown in at the deep end when he was made caretaker-manager at Sunderland after the sacking of Ken Knighton and Frank Clark.

The club's only other coach, Peter Eustace, was in hospital for a minor operation. So Docherty had to call on chief scout Jimmy Greenhalgh and experienced reserve goalkeeper Jimmy Montgomery to help him with the coaching.

PAT PARTRIDGE'S car sports a number plate befitting one of the finest referees to grace the Football League. Sadly, Pat, who lives in Cockfield, County Durham, retired at the end of the 1980-81 season. He began refereeing in 1953, the year of the Queen's Coronation.



## Briefly...

● The latest joke going around London is that Chelsea will have a Goal of the Month competition... if they can score one!

● Gary Roberts, an all-rounder at school, brings his versatility into soccer with Brentford.

The former North Paddington and Wembley player is equally at home at

midfield or forward and also represented his school at athletics, hockey, tennis, cricket and table tennis.

He's also a bricklayer by trade and sometimes in the winter he works for a big department store.

● Waterford manager Tommy Jackson has been given a new two-year contract with The Blues.

● Former policeman Keith Houghton did a great job for Third Division Carlisle

after being switched from midfield to defence.

Houghton, who signed as a full-time professional with Carlisle after service with high-flying non-League outfit Blyth Spartans, is now 27, but believes he can still improve.

He says: "I'd love to get to the top. There have been a lot of cases of latecomers to the professional game hitting the highlights and that's my target."



## Pele frightens Arsenal star

PETER Nicholas, Arsenal's star recruit from Crystal Palace, has gained a reputation for no-nonsense tackling but when it comes to meeting people in everyday life he is a rather shy man.

Pele's arrival at Highbury was a particularly worrying moment for Peter. He desperately wanted the Great Man's autograph but could not summon enough courage to make the request.

Peter decided to seek help from a journalist. The newspaperman obliged and a few minutes later Peter scampered off home clutching a scrap of paper bearing the former Brazilian star's signature.

In sharp contrast to Peter's reticence was the bold approach made by Brian Talbot. Arsenal's midfield star battled with two apprentices to be first in the queue for Pele's autograph.

The following day Pele was given a rousing reception by Arsenal and Aston Villa fans when he walked on to the Highbury turf before the League game which secured the Championship for Villa.



## Why Hood quit

ALBION Rovers must start looking for a new manager in time for the start of next season. Former Celtic star Harry Hood, only 43 days in charge of the Scottish Second Division side, quit Cliftonhill because he wanted a free hand in bringing players to the club. Said Hood: "Chairman Tom Fagan wanted to do that job so I just walked out."

BRIAN CLOUGH openly admits that he made a mistake about Aston Villa's Peter Withe, the new England international striker.

The Nottingham Forest manager said: "I didn't make a mistake when I transferred him to Newcastle — my mistake was not signing him back from Newcastle."

PHIL BOYER's rapid recovery from a crippling knee ligament injury means he could be fit for the start of next season.

## DALY'S OUT

GERRY Daly will miss Eire's next World Cup game against Holland on September 9th. Daly was booked in Eire's game against Belgium last month. He also got a yellow card against Cyprus last March and two 'yellows' automatically means a one match ban.

## Regis—a slow learner

WITH 61 goals in 174 games big Cyrille Regis believes that his record proves that he is one of the best strikers in the First Division.

Manager Ron Atkinson said: "Cyrille has taken a little longer than expected to get over his early season knee operation."

"I've been his biggest critic because I know just how much he has to offer the game and Albion in particular."

"Honestly, I don't think Cyrille realises just how good he could be. If he used all his natural assets there wouldn't be another striker in the country to touch him."

Many players reckon Regis is good enough to lead England's attack. His main problem is inconsistency.

MANAGERS usually like to keep their chairmen out of the dressing-room. They don't encourage interference 'from above'. But Brighton boss Alan Mullery is grateful to his chairman Mike Bamber for helping The Seagulls survive relegation.

Mullery explains: "We had a meeting after we'd lost to Middlesbrough and the chairman asked me why the side wasn't showing the sort of commitment expected."

"I said 'you ask the players' and we all thrashed it out together. I was wondering what to do next. I kept asking 'Why me? Why not someone else? Am I doing the right things?'"

"After the clear-the-air chat we turned the corner. Maybe we should have one every week!"

## Walsall bid for the Doc?



COULD that most colourful and controversial of managers, Tommy Docherty, be about to make a dramatic return from his Australian exile to League football?

Walsall, back down to the Fourth Division after just one troubled term in the Third, are ready to make him an offer to join the set-up at Fellows Park.

At present striker Alan Buckley manages in tandem with veteran Bert Johnson.

But Walsall chairman Ken Wheldon has never been afraid of trying to tempt big names to the club. Former title winning Derby boss Dave Mackay had a spell in charge before joining the oil rich sheikhs in Saudi Arabia.

Now the Walsall chairman is prepared to spark local interest and try to boost disastrous gates by calling on the services of Docherty.



HELLO SAILOR! Hard-tackling Nottingham Forest defender Kenny Burns strikes an uncharacteristic pose. Let no one be fooled. Burns is one of the First Division's fiercest competitors.



# NICKNAMES NIGHTMARE

Find the nicknames of these British football clubs by searching in the frame below horizontally or vertically, forwards or backwards.

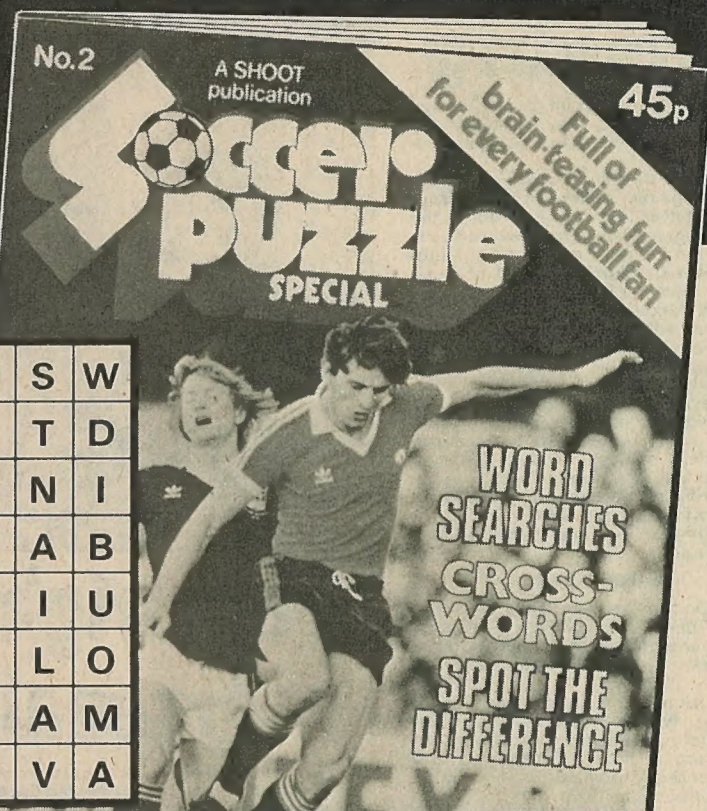
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# FALL OF THE MABBUTTS

**SHOOT:** How have you reacted to relegation?

**KEVIN:** I hate it. It's depressing, especially as at City we were sixth in the First Division and talking about playing in Europe 18 months ago. After visiting Old Trafford and Anfield the thought of going to tiny clubs in front of small crowds makes me shudder.

**GARY:** I can't say I relish the prospect, either. I don't think any player would, especially if you've got high ambitions. I signed a new contract at Eastville knowing that it could mean playing in the Third Division — but the club have promised that if a First Division club made an offer for me they won't stand in my way.

**KEVIN:** I don't think either of us wants to leave Bristol. We were born here, and our Dad is a former Rovers player. We'd both love to play for a successful Bristol team. That's why all the struggles this season have been all the more depressing. But we are both ambitious and want to play in the First Division.

**SHOOT:** Has it all been gloom for you this season?

**GARY:** No. Despite the bad results I feel I have made progress. It was

**T**HIS season Bristol City and Bristol Rovers were both relegated from the Second Division — the first time two clubs from the same provincial city have gone down together. It is also unique for two brothers to be relegated at the same time. This week **SHOOT** brought together **KEVIN** and **GARY MABBUTT** to discuss the situation and their futures.

## CROSSTALK

hard to escape the worry about what's happened, and I don't think I'd fancy anything that gave me too much time for thought. I've started swimming twice a day, and find that relaxes me as much as anything.

**GARY:** We've both taken up squash as well. There's a court in the block where my flat is, and we've had some tremendous tussles against each other.

**KEVIN:** He hasn't mentioned who wins.

**GARY:** That's just modesty.

**KEVIN**  
(Bristol City)



## 'I want to play in the First'



Rovers action: Bob Lee is tackled by Oldham's John Hurst.

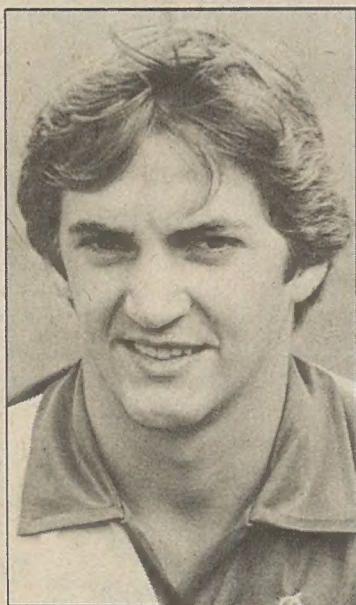
my first season working for Terry Cooper, and there's no doubt I have learnt a lot from him and Clive Middlemas, the coach.

**KEVIN:** I suppose it's ironic that a bad season for our clubs has been good for us in other ways. I've had my best season ever for both goals and appearances, and I've felt a lot sharper and more confident. Even so the results have made things pretty miserable at times.

**SHOOT:** So what do you do to escape the tension?

**GARY:** I'm a country lover. There's nothing I like better than to bundle Cleo, my Afghan hound, into the back of the car and drive out for a long walk in the fresh air. Cheddar Gorge is my favourite haunt, the scenery is superb.

**KEVIN:** If I did that I would end up throwing myself off a cliff! I find it



**SHOOT:** There's obviously a lot of rivalry between you. What was it like playing against each other in the two local derby games?

**GARY:** At the time I was playing in midfield, and Kevin is of course a striker, so we didn't come directly into conflict. Even so it was strange, because after all the build-up we had to try to forget about each other and concentrate on the game.

**KEVIN:** It was lucky the two fixtures weren't at the end of the season, by which time Gary was at

## 'The future looks bright for both clubs'

**GARY**  
(Bristol Rovers)

centre-half. We'd have finished black and blue!

**GARY:** There's always been a lot of needle between us. But it's friendly. Although we own our own flats we see each other every day. We had a bet at the start of the season on who would score more goals.

**KEVIN:** I would have won that, but Dad insisted on joining in as well. He still plays for so many different amateur teams it's hard to keep track of him.

**GARY:** We're still arguing, because as I've got all mine from midfield or defence I think they should count double!

**SHOOT:** How has your dad helped you? As a former professional he must have understood the problems.

**GARY:** That's right. He's coached and helped us almost since we could walk. He's been to a lot of games, and is full of good advice.

**KEVIN:** He's got a saying: 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' I forget how many times I've heard that this year!

**SHOOT:** How do you think Rovers and City will get on in the Third?

**GARY:** People have said some unkind things, but they forget that both managers are rebuilding the teams, and that takes time. I honestly think the future is bright for both clubs. At Rovers we've got so many good young players in the team. The boss has used nine teenagers at different times.

People have given him a lot of stick, but you have to give him two or three years to finish the rebuilding job before you can judge him properly.

**KEVIN:** The situation at Ashton Gate is similar. Bob Houghton is a

City action: Gerry Sweeney beats Don Shanks of Q.P.R.



tremendous manager. His achievement in taking Malmo to the European Cup Final proves that. He needs time to finish reconstructing the side, and I'm sure City will bounce back out of the Third Division by the end of next season.

**SHOOT:** Will you still be with them? You've both been the subject of transfer speculation.

**KEVIN:** It's no secret that we'd both like to go to a First Division club. Find me a young player who wouldn't. I'm 22 now, and if it takes City four or five years to get back to Division One then the best years of my career will be gone.

**GARY:** At 19 I can afford to be more patient — but even so I have obviously got ambition, and playing for a bigger club would help me. It means better coaching as well as a higher standard of football. Rovers have been very fair, and promised they won't stand in my way if the chance comes. Meanwhile, I am taking all the transfer talk with a pinch of salt.



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# POWER





## Cali sink River

DISASTER for Argentina's star-studded super-team River Plate!

They started the season determined to win the only title that has so far escaped the club — South America's Copa Libertadores.

But River's dreams of continental glory have been smashed by Deportivo Cali of Colombia, who produced one of the major upsets in the history of the competition by beating River 2-1 in the Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires.

River looked set for a win when Mario Kempes gave them the lead after only seven minutes, but Fillol, Tarantini, Alonso, Díaz & Co crumbled in the face of Deportivo Cali's determination and team spirit, and the visitors clinched a shock win with a penalty from Cappiello and a well-taken goal by Wellington Ortiz.

So Cali surprisingly go through to the Semi-Finals, and the Argentine favourites are out.

What's more, River's early exit leaves the club with serious financial problems, as they were counting on a long Copa run to help pay off the £1,600,000 they owe Valencia for Mario Kempes.

**REFEREE Johan Bos** took the players off for ten minutes during a Second Division game in Holland because someone was firing at the players with plastic pellets. The police found the culprit, an 18-year-old from Leeuwarder, who was arrested.

# Title won in last 30 seconds!

HOW about the heart-stopping finale to the Spanish League! After eight months of football, the title was decided 30 seconds before the end of the final game!

The last matches of the League programme kicked-off with Luis Arconada's Real Sociedad needing just one point from their tough away game in Gijón to clinch the title, while Real Madrid could still win the Championship if they won in Valladolid and Real Sociedad lost in Gijón.

Here's how things worked out.

5.30 Valladolid kick-off against Real Madrid.

5.33 The other match begins in Gijón.

5.35 The referee disallows a goal scored by Valladolid.

5.40 In Gijón, Real Sociedad winger Lopez Ufarte is brought down in the area, and Cortabarría hits home the penalty. This puts them in a seemingly impregnable position for the title.

6.13 Santillana scores for Real Madrid and last year's Champs are still in with an outside chance.

6.17 Gijón midfielder Mesa equalises for the home team. Real Sociedad are still likely Champs, but things are getting tight...

6.34 In Gijón, Mesa scores again for the home side straight from the restart. With Real Sociedad losing 2-1, Real Madrid are now on top of the table.

6.41 Valladolid equalise against Real Madrid. At this stage Real Sociedad are back on course for the title.

6.57 Santillana scores again for Real Madrid. With them winning and Real Sociedad still 2-1 down, Real Madrid are set to win the League!



7.10 Stielike scores to make it Valladolid 1 Real Madrid 3.

7.15 The match finishes in Valladolid. The Real Madrid players leap in the air like dolphins as the scoreboard shows Real Sociedad are 2-1 down in Gijón. They do a lap of honour, convinced that they've snatched the League after taking 14 points from their last seven games.

7.17 30 seconds from the end of the match in Gijón, a shot by Real Sociedad's international midfielder Zamora (above) is deflected into the net for the equaliser. 2-2 and the title belongs to Real Sociedad.

7.18 News of the goal reaches the Real Madrid players, who troop dejectedly off to the dressing-rooms.

7.19 Referee Negrreira blows the final whistle in Gijón. Real Sociedad have won the title on goal-average. The players hug and kiss manager Alberto Ormaechea and weep with joy. Luis Arconada leads his side on a lap of honour, and the 15,000 fans who've made the trip from San Sebastian go absolutely wild at their team's first ever League title. Just 30 seconds before the end they'd been glum and quiet, but suddenly there's an explosion of sheer jubilation. Simultaneously traffic in San Sebastian is brought to a standstill as the entire population floods into the streets to celebrate. What a finish!

**T**HE Spanish police have arrested a man called Luengo and charged him with attempted bribery of football players.

In a most unlikely fashion, he's alleged to have offered the Atlético Madrid president £100,000 if they'd 'throw' their last two League games.

What's more, in a second phone call to the club, he spoke openly about his offer to a policeman who posed as the president's secretary; arranged a meeting in a bar; and was promptly arrested.

Atlético went on to lose the title without their 'financial incentive'!

**O**NLY weeks before Ecuador kick off their World Cup qualifiers against Paraguay and Chile, their manager Juan Araujo has resigned.

Araujo alleges that certain directors of the F.A. had been putting pressure on him to include players in the national team against better judgment, and that finally he'd decided that the only honest way out was to resign.

Araujo is the third national team boss to show a clean pair of heels in the last year — Argentinian Ignomirriello and Brazilian Viera had lasted only six months and one month respectively!

## PELE BEST OF THE CENTURY

PELÉ has been selected by the international Press as the Sportsman of the Century. Pelé was the only footballer selected amongst the candidates. The ten best placed sportsmen in L'Equipe's contest were:

1. Pelé (Brazil, football) 170 points
2. Jesse Owens (USA, athletics) 169
3. Eddy Merckx (Belgium, cycling) 99
4. Paavo Nurmi (Finland, athletics) 92
5. Mark Spitz (USA, swimming) 75
6. Bjorn Borg (Sweden, tennis) 75
7. Emil Zatopek (Czechoslovakia, athletics) 65
8. Fausto Coppi (Italy, cycling) 60
9. Muhammad Ali (USA, boxing) 53
10. Sugar Ray Robinson (USA, boxing) 51

## News flashes

● **Petar Randekovic**, the former Yugoslav international goalkeeper who starred for Munich 1860 in the Wembley Final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965, is standing in the elections for the new 1860 chairman. At the height of his career he cut a disc which sold well in Munich... which began with the words: 'I am Rudi, I am king.'

● **The oldest player in the French First Division** is Pierre Mosca of FC Sochaux, who is 36. He played so well against AZ '67 in the UEFA Cup that manager Rene Hauss has engaged him on a new three-year contract.

● **The Soviet Union** is making a really big effort to make a mark on the world game and to this end they have organised special football schools in each of the independent republics.

The biggest are in Moscow, Kiev and Tbilisi, where there are 3,000 young boys doing normal studies but the emphasis is very heavily on football.

## NASL STANDINGS

(as of April 27, 1981)

EASTERN DIVISION	Games Played	Won	Shootouts Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total Points
New York	7	6	(0)	1	18	6	53
Washington	7	5	(0)	2	14	8	42
Montreal	5	3	(0)	2	10	8	28
Toronto	6	1	(0)	5	9	13	15

SOUTHERN DIVISION	Games Played	Won	Shootouts Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total Points
Fort Lauderdale	7	5	(2)	2	11	7	34
Jacksonville	8	3	(1)	5	8	13	23
Atlanta	6	2	(0)	4	10	12	22
Tampa Bay	8	2	(0)	6	11	21	22

CENTRAL DIVISION	Games Played	Won	Shootouts Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total Points
Tulsa	6	4	(0)	2	10	6	33
Chicago	5	3	(0)	2	8	6	25
Minnesota	4	2	(1)	2	6	7	15
Dallas	6	2	(1)	4	6	11	15

WESTERN DIVISION	Games Played	Won	Shootouts Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total Points
San Diego	7	5	(2)	2	14	8	37
California	7	4	(0)	3	7	7	31
Los Angeles	6	3	(0)	3	6	11	24
San Jose	6	2	(0)	4	7	10	19

NORTHWEST DIVISION	Games Played	Won	Shootouts Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Bonus Points	Total Points
Seattle	7	4	(1)	3	15	13	36
Vancouver	7	4	(0)	3	10	7	33
Portland	6	3	(0)	3	10	9	27
Edmonton	4	2	(0)	2	8	9	19
Calgary	5	0	(0)	5	3	9	3

(\*Total Points — Win: 6 Pts (Regulation, Overtime), 4 Pts (Shootout), Loss: 0 Pts, Bonus Points: one point is awarded for each goal scored in regulation up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for goals scored in overtime or the team shootout goal.)



## Just checking

**BAYERN MUNICH** captain Paul Breitner was in hot water following some badly translated remarks about Liverpool. He was alleged to have called their football "stupid", which he didn't, but he certainly wasn't the most popular man around Merseyside.

Having seen this photo, though, one wonders whether Breitner is checking up to ensure his popularity isn't hampered by problems of a more personal nature!



# Saga of the Century



Tottenham's bloodied hero Graham Roberts feels the physical presence of City's Gerry Gow.



Hero and villain Tommy Hutchison with Chris Hughton in close attendance.



City delight, as Tommy Hutchison (no. 10) accepts the congratulations after heading a spectacular goal past Milija Aleksić.



**T**HE 100th F.A. Cup Final fittingly ended on level terms, a 1-1 draw after extra-time. It was hardly the feast of football some had predicted, but there was nevertheless some stirring action at both ends. Here's the pick of the action from the first meeting between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City before the might of Manchester met the pride of the South in the first ever Wembley replay.



Steve Mackenzie misses out with just four minutes remaining. Aleksic and Perryman do their best to save the day for Spurs.



Man of the match Joe Corrigan makes one of his bravest saves at the feet of Spurs striker Garth Crooks.

The second part of Tommy Hutchison's (right) double header as he inadvertently deflects a shot from Glenn Hoddle (no 10) into his own net.



**SHOOT!**



**T**HE extent of Manchester City's recovery from the brink of disaster to the glory of a Wembley Cup Final appearance and respectability in the First Division was illustrated vividly when John Bond took a swipe at Manchester United over their sacking of Dave Sexton.

The City boss would not have dared risk a word on the internal wranglings of a rival club seven months ago. Their perilous position at the foot of the First Division guaranteed silence on that front.

Now, Manchester City are back where they belong — and John Bond is free to speak his mind.

Bond's outburst just before the Cup Final brought a sharp rebuke

from City's chairman Peter Swales and an abrupt apology from the manager, but the idol of Maine Road can be forgiven for irrational behaviour at the end of the craziest season in the Northern club's 94-year history.

He swept them from a one-way ticket to doom into a glorious sunset that promises a trophy or two next season.

Nearly everything was rotten at

Maine Road when the outspoken former boss of Norwich City breezed through the front door in October as Malcolm Allison slunk out the back exit, his dreams and future in ruins.

The new manager hurriedly called a players meeting, and with a demoralised group encircling him, he explained why he wanted to be called "Boss" not "John".

It was one of many instructions he gave as the first tentative steps on the road to recovery were made.

A burst of League victories rendered Peter Swales' welcoming words redundant. The City

Swales as the "Maine Road miracle."

The comment suggests the completion of City's resurrection. Far from it. As the club's loyal fans troop off to the beaches of Britain and Europe in the next few weeks, John Bond will be plotting next season's campaign.

He hopes £1 million will be released by the club to strengthen the team. Lesser men would have settled for the success City had reaped at the end of the 1980-81 campaign. Not John Bond.

The men who led City to the good times, players such as Tommy Hutchison, Gerry Gow,

John Bond plots a summer transfer swoop after...

# Man. City's great escape



chairman had remarked: "I am concerned mainly with survival in the First Division."

Bond's brief was to ward off the threat of relegation. He discarded Allison's collection of complicated theories, freed players such as Tommy Caton from the shackles imposed by Big Mal's blackboard planning, and rejuvenated the club to such an extent that the sky blue scarves were being held stiffly aloft again within a month of his arrival.

His success is described by Peter

Bobby McDonald, Kevin Reeves, Phil Boyer (before his injury at the turn of the year), and Dennis Tueart are by no means certain to feature heavily in his plans next season.

There are reports that Bond is interested in Asa Hartford (Everton), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), Peter Barnes (West Brom), John Robertson (Forest), Brian Talbot (Arsenal) and big Joe Jordan (Manchester United).

No one would be surprised if he landed Kevin Keegan.



Tommy Hutchison is flat out after heading City's goal in the F.A. Cup Final draw.

## BACK FROM THE BRINK

### August

16—Southampton	A 0-2	23,320
20—Sunderland	H 0-4	33,271
23—Aston Villa	H 2-2	Tueart (pen) Ranson, 30,017
27—Stoke (LC2, 1st leg)	A 1-1	Henry 13,176
30—Middlesbrough	A 2-2	Reeves, Mackenzie 15,761

### September

3—Stoke (LC2, 2nd leg)	H 3-0	Bennett 2, Henry 21,356
6—Arsenal	H 1-1	Tueart (pen) 32,233
13—Nottingham Forest	A 2-3	Bennett, Henry 23,184
20—Stoke City	H 1-2	Tueart 29,507
23—Luton (LC3)	A 2-1	Bennett, Henry 10,030
27—Manchester United	A 2-2	Reeves, Palmer 55,926

### October

4—Liverpool	H 0-3	41,022
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### 8—Leeds United

11—West Brom	A	1-3	Daley	19,515
18—Birmingham City	H	0-1		30,041
22—Tottenham H	H	3-1	Reeves, Daley	

25—Brighton & Hove Alb	A 2-1	Tueart 2 18,368
29—Notts County (LC 4)	H 5-1	Tueart 4, Bennett 26,300

### November

1—Norwich City	H 1-0	Power 33,056
8—Leicester City	A 1-1	Tueart 19,104
12—Sunderland	A 0-2	23,387
15—Southampton	H 3-0	Gow, Bennett 32,661
		Reeves

22—Coventry City	H 3-0	Power, Bennett 30,047
		Reeves

29—Crystal Palace	A 3-2	Gow 2, Reeves 16,575
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### December

3—WBA (LC 5)	H 2-1	Bennett, Henry 35,011
6—Ipswich Town	H 1-1	Gow 35,215
13—Tottenham H	A 1-2	Boyer 23,883
20—Leeds United	H 1-0	Reeves 31,866
26—Everton	A 2-0	Gow, Power 36,194
27—Wolverhampton W	H 4-0	Hutchison 2, McDonald, Reeves 37,817

### 1981

#### January

3—Crystal Palace (FAC)	H 4-0	Reeves 2 (1 pen), Boyer, Power 39,000
10—Coventry City	A 1-1	Mackenzie 18,248
14—Liverpool (LC S-F)	H 0-1	48,045



The Maine Road maestro is quick to hive-off some of the adulation in the direction of his assistant, John Benson, and coach John Sainty, old Bond faithfuls who followed the master from Norwich to Moss Side.

An unexpected tribute came from Malcolm Allison when the former manager offered praise for Bond's new signings.

Of Tommy Hutchison, hero and villain in the F.A. Cup Final, he said generously: "He's such a tremendous player. He makes all the difference to the City I left. He has given City someone they can give the ball to — someone who can run with it and beat men."

The former Scottish World Cup winger is widely acclaimed as the best of Bond's signings.

## Close

But the remarkable contributions of Gerry Gow, the Glaswegian from Bristol City and Bobby McDonald, from Coventry City, run him close.

The sadness of Malcolm Allison's regime in comparison to Bond's is that many of the young thoroughbreds Mal encouraged have developed sensationally under Bond's control.

Steve Mackenzie, Tommy Caton, Ray Ranson, the England Under-21 full-back, local discovery Nicky Reid, and Tony Henry are all fulfilling the potential they were clearly blessed with even in the bad times.

John Bond has encouraged their strengths and discouraged their weaknesses. That is his talent — man management.

Manchester City's trophy cabinet is unlikely to gather much dust next season.



Paul Power demonstrates his ferocious shooting ability.

**JOHN BOND** has striking similarities with flat-capped racehorse trainers. He knows a winner when he sees one.

Martin Peters was his ace in the pack at Norwich City. Paul Power is the player he believes can lead Manchester City to the promised land next season.

Fair minded managers rarely indulge in selecting a player for special praise and John Bond is no exception to the rule.

But the Manchester City boss has failed to hide his undisguised belief in Paul Power after some prodigious performances from the City captain in the club's rise from the ashes of the Allison dynasty.

City don't know how lucky they are to have the midfield powerhouse in their ranks, for if it had not been Paul Power, professional footballer, it might have been Paul Power Q.C.

Power, born in Manchester 27 years ago, made the choice between soccer and the law when he left Leeds Polytechnic with a string of qualifications in 1975.

Those who have thrilled to his qualities of leadership in winter squalls and spring afternoons are happy with his decision.

His biting tackles in midfield have destroyed the confidence of opposing players, and when he surges forward on one of those long runs from the deep, he can often ice the cake with a goal.

His goals won more than one game for City in 1980-81, none more crucial than his winning goal

Dave Bennett.



in extra-time to shatter Ipswich's dreams of reaching the F.A. Cup Final.

But City's revival has not been a one-man show. Five other players have stood out like beacons on a dark night in the great escape — Tommy Hutchison, Gerry Gow, Bobby McDonald, Steve Mackenzie and David Bennett.

Three of them, Hutchison, Gow and McDonald, were kicking the ball around in reserve team football when Bond swooped with a cheque-book to rescue their careers.

Their contributions since have had a marked influence on the club's resurgence to something approaching its standing when Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison were in tandem a decade ago.

Hutchison and McDonald could not have imagined making a Wembley appearance when they

became dispirited cast-offs at Coventry earlier this season. They cost City a mere £300,000 in a package deal.

Gow, born in Glasgow and a veteran of more than 300 League games for Bristol City, brought a shot of ruggedness to City's midfield when Bond persuaded the Western based club to part with their former captain for £175,000.

Gow responded to Bond's call as if his life depended on it. Many a midfield ball player can testify to the vigour of the Scot's tackling.

## 'Great'

Paul Power himself emphasises the contribution made by Steve Mackenzie when he says: "All great teams have great front runners. Liverpool have Dalglish, Villa have Withe. We have Mackenzie, who has played a big part in City's revival."

Mackenzie has fulfilled Malcolm Allison's promises when the former City boss risked £275,000 on buying the youngster from Palace in July, 1979, before he had made his first team debut.

Big Mal's judgment was spot on, Mackenzie's match-winning goals gaining him England B honours.

David Bennett's skills are a tribute to his natural ability and the success of City's youth policy. He signed as a pimply-faced apprentice in the scorching summer of 1976 and has rewarded the coaching staff by penetrating First Division defences in City's glory run.



17—Middlesbrough	H 1-2	McDonald, Reeves	30,774
24—Norwich (FAC C)	H 0-0	Reeves, Gow, Mackenzie, Bennett, Power, McDonald	38,919
31—Aston Villa	A 0-1		33,682
<b>February</b>			
7—Nottingham Forest	H 1-1	Power	39,524
10—Liverpool (LCS-F)	A 1-1	Reeves	46,711
14—Peterborough United	A 1-0	Booth	27,780
21—Manchester United	H 1-0	Mackenzie	50,114
24—Arsenal	A 0-2		24,730
<b>March</b>			
7—Everton (FAC C)	A 2-2	Gow, Power	52,781
11—Everton (FAC B, Replay)	H 3-1	McDonald 2, Power	52,532
14—West Brom	H 2-1	McDonald, Tueart	35,581

18—Stoke	A 1-2	McDonald	15,842
21—Birmingham City	A 0-2		16,160
28—Brighton & H Alb	H 1-1	Mackenzie	30,122
31—Leicester City	H 3-3	Reeves 2, Henry	25,141
<b>April</b>			
4—Norwich City	A 0-2		17,957
11—Ipswich (FAC SF)	1-0	Power	46,537
<b>May</b>			
2—Crystal Palace	H 1-1	Bennett	31,017
9—FA Cup Final	1-1	AET, Hutchison	100,000
14—FA Cup Final (Replay)			
19—Liverpool	A		

## Revival Pattern

Manchester City's dramatic improvement since a change of management is outlined by the following tables:

League Record to October 11th 1980

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos.
11	0	4	7	11	25	4	21

League Record from October 18th to May 2nd 1981

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos.
41	14	11	16	56	58	39	12



# ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

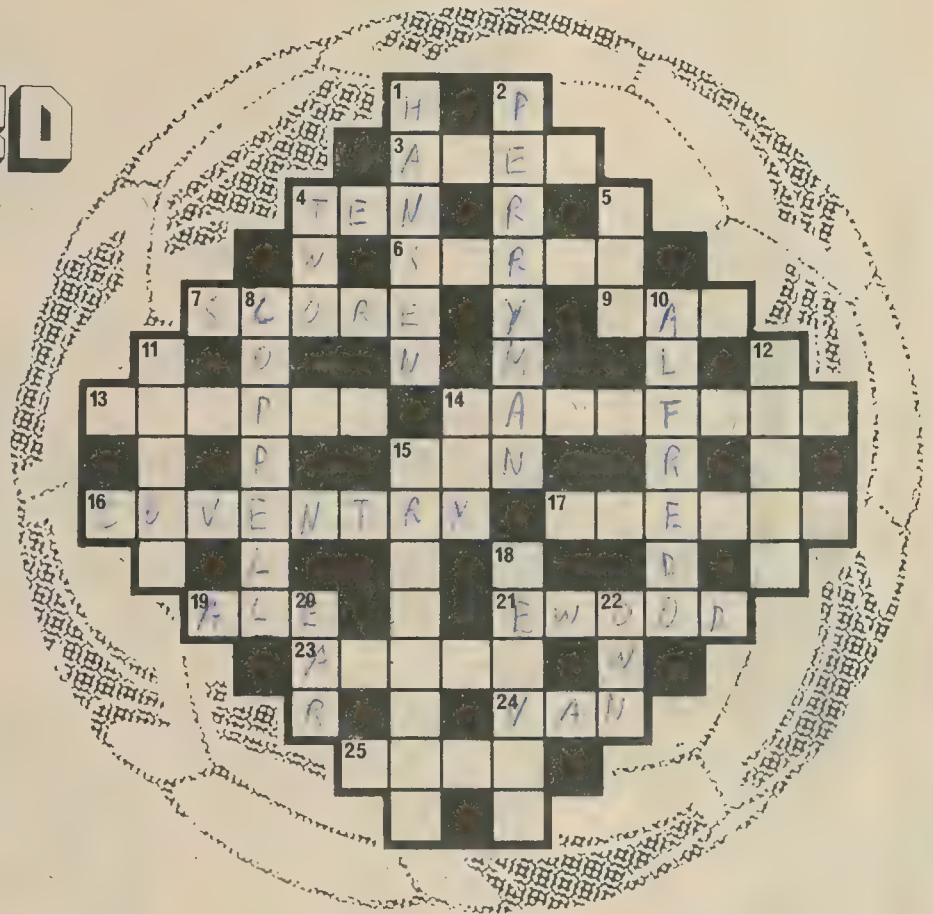
## ACROSS:—

- (3) Topmost point. (4)
- (4) Luton's Joe Payne once scored — goals in a game. (3)
- (6) Wander out of position. (5)
- (7) All strikers aim to do this. (5)
- (9) If Celtic, Swindon & Oldham give "LID"; what do Preston, Reading & Peterborough give? (3)
- (13) Paul —, Ipswich Town goalkeeper. (6)
- (14) Surname of Everton midfield player. (8)
- (15) A player gets this for too many bookings. (3)
- (16) — City are nicknamed The Sky Blues. (8)
- (17) John —, West Bromwich Albion striker. (6)
- (19) Derek H—s; Charlton striker (3)
- (21) — Park; ground of Blackburn Rovers. (5)
- (23) Joint at the bottom of the tibia and fibula. (5)
- (24) Roger — Gool of Coventry. (3)
- (25) Joint at the top of the tibia and fibula. (4)

## DOWN:—

- (1) Alan —, Liverpool's Scottish defender. (6)
- (2) Steve —, Spurs captain (8)
- (4) Number worn by Liverpool's Phil Neal (3)
- (5) Take three letters from Derby to make a colouring. (3)
- (8) Steve —, Manchester United winger (7)
- (10) — di Stefano; European Footballer of the Year in 1957 & 1959. (7)
- (11) An engine to be found in Morton. (5)
- (12) — Horton, Brighton midfield player. (5)
- (14) Alan —, Bristol City defender. (3)
- (15) Trevor —, West Ham midfield player. (8)
- (18) Kevin —, Manchester City striker. (6)
- (20) Dennis Tu—t gained six full England caps. (3)
- (22) Tony T—er; Rotherham winger. (3)

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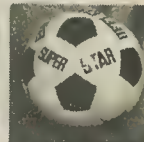
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**D**ESPITE weeks of speculation, the sacking of Dave Sexton came as a big shock.

After ending the season with seven wins and two draws from our last nine games, everyone at Old Trafford was confident his job was safe.

In my last column, which appeared in SHOOT's Cup Final issue, I wrote "the boss seems set to be given a vote of confidence by the United board."

I was absolutely certain Dave was going to stay until the start of next season at least. Like most people in Manchester I believed the board would give him one more chance to win a major honour.

Unfortunately, that issue went to Press the very day Dave and assistant Tommy Cavanagh were dismissed.

On that Thursday morning, April 30th, we trained at The Cliff as usual. I suppose I should have guessed something was wrong because Dave wasn't his usual bubbling self. He hardly spoke to the players.

Maybe he'd heard a whisper he was going to get the bullet after the board meeting scheduled for that afternoon.

I went home as normal after training, had lunch and was relaxing in the evening watching telly when the phone rang. It was a journalist friend of mine in Manchester.

"He's gone then," he said, as if I knew what had happened. "Who's gone where?" I inquired.

"Dave . . . Dave Sexton. He's been sacked."

I was stunned for a few moments. The news hit me like a bombshell.

Next morning the chairman, Mr Martin Edwards, called all the first team squad of 17 players together at

*Under Dave Sexton's leadership, United reached the 1979 F.A. Cup Final.*



# 'WHY SEXTON WAS SACKED'

MY SOCCER  
WORLD  
**Gordon  
McQueen**



Old Trafford to explain his reasons for sacking Sexton.

He said he realised the decision would not be popular among the majority of players, but Dave had to go because the fans were disgruntled. The directors felt the team had failed to live up to the high standards of football entertainment expected of Manchester United.

Sexton's methodical style wasn't what the club or fans wanted. Mr Edwards went on to explain he didn't feel Dave was commercial enough or likely to bring the club success next season.

## Respected

Regular readers will know I thought the world of Dave Sexton, the man who brought me to United. But I obviously respected the board's decision. They did what they thought was in the best interests of Manchester United.

At first I considered the timing of Dave's dismissal was bad. After all, it wasn't failure that led to his downfall. Surely no other manager has been sacked after a run of seven successive League victories.

But on reflection, the board had to be ruthless once they decided to sack Dave. There was no point keeping him hanging around, under pressure longer than necessary. And it was important to appoint a new manager before the club left for our summer tour.

Dave Sexton failed to win anything for United, but he came pretty close to it. In his second season United

reached the F.A. Cup Final only to be beaten in the last minute by Arsenal.

Last season, after another fantastic late burst, we ended as runners-up to Champions Liverpool.

Many other clubs in the First Division would have been delighted with those statistics, but then Manchester United are not like any other club.

Dave was unlucky. In my opinion there's not much wrong with the team. Unfortunately this season he couldn't get a settled side because of injuries, and found goals hard to come by.

Dave's biggest drawback was himself. Totally honest and completely loyal to his players and United, he perhaps lacked the flamboyance of a Brian Clough, or Tommy Docherty . . . whose style of managership Manchester United thrived on in the past.

By the time you read this a new boss will probably have been appointed. Lawrie McMenemy is the man the club wanted.

He will receive the same 100 per cent backing I gave Dave Sexton. I obviously don't know what his plans are for the future but I certainly hope I'm included in them.

I want to stay at Manchester United and play my part in whatever success we achieve in the future.

Finally, on behalf of all the lads at Old Trafford, I'd like to wish Dave Sexton all the best. It's about time one of the nice guys in football got some reward for all the hard work and dedication he's given to the game.



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**JIM LEIGHTON** could be one of Scotland's World Cup goalkeepers in Spain this time next year if everything goes according to plan and there are no setbacks awaiting Jock Stein's troops.

"If someone had said such a thing last year I would have thought they were crazy," admits the Aberdeen youngster. "It would have been far too much to take in."

Leighton, at the time, had just watched veteran Bobby Clark play consistently well in The Dons' march to their first League Championship success in 25 years. Chances of first team football were remote. International football couldn't have entered his wildest dreams.

But soccer, being the strange, unpredictable game it is, has now afforded him the opportunity of possibly joining Scotland's elite in the World Cup Finals next year.

Bobby Clark was injured before last season's big kick-off and Leighton was somersaulted into the first team... and that's where he stayed all term.

Manager Alex Ferguson says: "The boy did well considering the circumstances. Everyone was out

to beat us because we were the Champions and we were under a lot of pressure. He came through it all well.

"His record speaks for itself. He was one of the safest 'keepers in Britain, statistics show this.

"However, he accepts he is still learning his trade. There are a few rough edges to be knocked off yet.

"I'm happy with his progress, though. The lessons of last season will help him in the long run."

One of Leighton's admirers is Bobby Clark. He says: "The first time I saw the lad in training I knew immediately that he had what it takes.

### 'Agility'

"He has good hands, a lot of confidence, outstanding agility and sound anticipation. His distribution is good, too. In short, he is a capable goalkeeper. And he is getting better all the time."

Leighton was as surprised as anyone last season when Jock Stein named him as his number three goalkeeper before the World Cup-tie against Israel in Tel Aviv. Alan Rough and Billy Thomson got the first two places, but Leighton says: "It was wonderful just to be included in Jock Stein's thoughts.

"It really gave me a boost, I can tell you. I've played for the Under-21's and would love to play for the first but I'm in no rush. I know I've still got a lot to do."

Jim Leighton has travelled a long way in a short time. That trip to Spain is just around the corner if he keeps on progressing at the expected rate.

## LEIGHTON SET TO JOIN THE ELITE



*Ally McCoist (white shirt) has attracted scouts from many top clubs, but St Johnstone are in no hurry to sell their star.*

take and won 1-0 with a goal from Eric Sinclair.

"Of course I was disappointed," says Rennie. "We came so close, but at the end of the day there is no reward for finishing third.

"But I was proud of my players for their efforts in pushing us up the table. I'm sure they will have benefited from the experiences of the season. I know we can improve upon that performance."

League reconstruction may just be around the corner in Scotland, but, whatever happens, St Johnstone want to be in the top Division as soon as possible.

They have their admirers in managers such as Berte Auld, of Hibs, and Dundee's Donald Mackay. Both the managers of the prom-

to go straight back up at the first time of asking while Raith Rovers, Ayr United and Motherwell will all be in there looking for a place among the elite.

St Johnstone are certainly a bright outfit under the shrewd management of Rennie, who admits he owes a lot to his former manager at Dundee United, the highly respected Jim McLean.

But Rennie has his own ideas, and they are displayed week in, week out much to the delight of the neutral fan. He likes to see his team pushing forward and in young striker Ally McCoist he has a player of immense potential.

Already Liverpool and a host of various envious English clubs have looked at the Scottish Youth marksman. Aberdeen, too, wouldn't mind seeing him performing his magic at Pittodrie.

The Saints boss will sell only



**A**LLEX Rennie (right) has been a soccer manager for just over a year, but already he had first hand knowledge of how harsh and cruel this game can be.

On the last day of the season Rennie's entertaining St Johnstone team were only 90 minutes away from a place in the Premier Division alongside Champions Hibs.

The Saints, after completing their programme, had to watch helplessly from the sidelines as Dundee went into action against East Stirling at Firs Park. A win or a draw would have been good enough to put Dundee into second

spot... and keep St Johnstone in the First Division.

"It was agony," says Rennie. "I wouldn't like to go through that again. There was nothing else we could do. We just had to sit it out and hope East Stirling did us a turn."

Dundee, however, made no mis-

## Saints' cruel luck

oted clubs praised The Saints during the season with the forthright Auld declaring: "Next to us, they are the best team in this Division. They play good, intelligent football and have several top class players."

Rennie acknowledges the praise, but realises that his club will again be involved in the frantic dogfight for promotion places next season.

Hearts and Kilmarnock, relegated from the Top Ten, will want

when he thinks it is right for the club, the fans and the player.

It is to be hoped, though, that McCoist stays at least one more season at Muirton in an effort to help his team to the promotion they so richly deserve.

"We know what to expect next time out," says Rennie. That warning is loud and clear to every other team wanting to climb out of the First Division.

Who's going to be second?



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1

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2

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3

An indirect free-kick inside the penalty-area for the attacking side goes straight into the goal. Should you award (a) a goal, (b) a drop ball, or (c) a goal-kick?



4

From a goal-kick, an attacker runs into the penalty-area and tackles a defending player (who had received the ball) and scores. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) award a free-kick, or (c) have the kick retaken?



5

Just before a free-kick is taken outside the penalty-area a defending player asks you if it is direct or indirect. You state it is direct. The attacker shoots straight into the goal. Just before restarting the defender tells you he thought it was indirect. Should you (a) have the kick retaken, or (b) award a goal?



## ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. A free-kick against the kicker (c). 3. A goal-kick (c). 4. Have the kick retaken (c). 5. Award a goal (b). In the F.A. Cup Semi-Final between Tottenham and Wolves, Ardiles was brought down by George Berry just outside the Wolves penalty-area. I told the Wolves defence it was direct, from which Glenn Hoddle scored for Spurs. Berry was convinced it was indirect.

DAVE Bassett's arrival as manager of Wimbledon certainly seemed to have an extraordinary impact on the London side.

Bassett stepped up as soon as Dario Gradi had followed his chairman, Ron Noades, to Crystal Palace. And Bassett's appointment heralded the start of a successful run which rocketed Wimbledon from mid-table mediocrity to Division Three.

Ask Bassett for the secret and he'll tell you: "I always knew we had a good team, good players. They had character and that was what we needed. But I didn't think we would get into the top four by early April.

"Maybe I have injected something into the club. Certainly, I'm a different sort of character to Dario. I always feel confident about any-

opportunity when it arose."

What sort of person is Wimbledon's new manager? "I've never really analysed myself too deeply," he says. "There have been times when I have thought I've been hard on the lads and should have been softer. Maybe I demand high standards, I don't know.

"But by learning, you cut down your mistakes if you're wise. I demand things from the players; I feel they have got to improve all the time. They must be committed to the game because I always was and I feel there is no substitute for true commitment.

"But despite all that, I don't believe I'm a hard task master, smashing my players over the head with discipline. I want them to enjoy themselves, I don't want to see them walking around look-

# PROMOTION SURPRISED WIMBLEDON



Manager Dave Bassett

ing miserable all the time. "Most of all, I expect them to behave and react like grown-up, mature human beings when they're on the football field. And they will only do that if they're used to acting as such away from football."

Bassett works hard at his job, and that was a major reason for Wimbledon's late success in the Fourth Division. But he refuses to consume football 24 hours a day. "I believe you have to relax and be able to switch off. You have to take a break and get away for a holiday. I've heard some managers say they wouldn't take a holiday but to me that's daft.

"If you work hard, which I do, and you do your job properly, you deserve a break and will feel better for it. You'll get the results, too."

**Failure**

Results, of course, are the criteria for all managers. Bassett is no different for he, too, will ultimately be judged by the success or failure of his side on the field.

"I'm not worried about all that," he says cheerfully. "I'll do my best and that's all I can do. If it's not enough, that's too bad."

Real enthusiasm was the quality Bassett gave Wimbledon when he took over as boss at Plough Lane. His enthusiasm clearly influenced the players and Wimbledon's splendid run of form was the outcome.

Now, Bassett aims to extend that winning run to next season. And one thing is certain — his bid for honours in the new season won't fail for lack of enthusiasm or effort.

And at last Dave Bassett has lost the reputation as the man who set up Dickie Guy for FA Cup glory when he conceded the famous penalty against Leeds!

thing I attempt. I don't get frightened about things.

"But I have still got to prove myself. That's what this job is all about."

Bassett played for Wimbledon under Allen Batsford, the man who took the club into the Football League back in 1977. Then, when Dario Gradi took over as boss, he invited Bassett to give up the playing side and become his assistant.

"That took some doing," admits bubbling, enthusiastic Bassett. "Even though I'm now the boss, I still feel there is nothing like playing. I miss that involvement."

"I could have rejected Dario's offer and continued to play. But I felt I had to look to the future, and I might not have had another chance. Now I'm glad I took the



**W**HEN you win the European Cup in a Continental capital you're 100 per cent convinced you've established your team without question as the true Champions, the best in the West.

By battling through to the Final against Real Madrid in Paris, we Liverpool lads can almost repeat our experience of that magic night in Rome in 1977 when we beat the West German side, Borussia Moenchengladbach.

I say "almost" because it's impossible to recapture the ecstatic thrill of helping Liverpool take home Europe's premier trophy for the first time.

### Satisfaction

But if we can triumph in this year's Final, set in a similar Continental background, the sense of satisfaction will surpass that following our second win, against Bruges in 1978 at Wembley, a "home" ground.

The Par des Princes in Paris holds only just over half the Wembley capacity, 48,000, which means that thousands of our fans will be unable to see the match they've dreamt of all season.

Playing against Real Madrid is the fulfilment of another of my boyhood ambitions, for the Spanish side of the 60's, the first to take a hat-trick of European Cups, were my idols.

I must admit I was amazed at the present team's defeat of Inter-Milan. Whereas the Italians would play negative, boring football, hoping to hit a goal on a break, the Spanish side will attack.

The England players amongst the

Liverpool team are familiar with several of the Real men through recent friendly internationals — the likes of Juanito, Camacho and Santillana — and appreciate their qualities of ball control and cheetah-type acceleration.

Laurie Cunningham, the former West Brom star, will be striving to get fit to play in the greatest game of his life.

The big talking point at Anfield is not who's going to play against us, but which team the boss, Bob Paisley, will pick for Liverpool. After a period in which the backrooms of the club have looked like a casualty clearing station, we now have a fully-fit squad all eager for places in Paris. I'm luckily one of the certainties, providing I don't get injured.

Must be careful how I slam car doors!

In the back-four, Richard Money

and Colin Irwin, who started the season as reserves, have staked claims for Final appearances.

Jimmy Case is another reserve who might either be slotted into the midfield or up-front.

Ian Rush, who did so well in our League Cup win, and Howard Gayle, our "surprise packet" who helped us obtain that priceless 1-1 draw against Bayern Munich in the second-leg of the Semi-Final, will be considered as partners for Kenny Dalglish, along with Dave Johnson.

Our road to the Final has been far from smooth. There were times I felt the only way I'd see Paris in May was to book a package tour!

For instance, when we drew C.S.K.A. Sofia in the Quarter-Finals. The Bulgarians had knocked out Cup-holders Nottingham Forest so convincingly, beating them in both legs, and we were going through a spell where goals were as hard to come by as Liverpool season tickets.

But, as has so often happened in the past, all the Liverpool class and

confidence surfaced, and we beat Sofia at Anfield, Graeme Souness scoring his second hat-trick of the season, and completed the job with a 1-0 win over there.

The next moment of doubt followed the first-leg of the Semi-Final at Anfield, when Bayern Munich held us to a goalless draw.

After only six minutes' play of the return, a tackle dismissed Kenny Dalglish.

Bob Paisley's response was a master stroke, bringing on young Howard Gayle, who frightened the Germans with his lightning fast runs.

Bob's next strategy was to push Ray Kennedy forward, knowing extra-time could destroy us, and Ray responded with a superbly-struck goal.

### Heart-Stopper

The German equaliser, from Rummenigge, was another heart-stopper, but we held out to ram the words of their captain, Paul Breitner — he'd called our play "stupid" — right down his bearded throat.

"We've done it!" I kept shouting, almost to ensure I wasn't dreaming.

And now we have to take that Final step of beating Real Madrid to join them, and Bayern and Ajax, as triple winners of the "Big One".

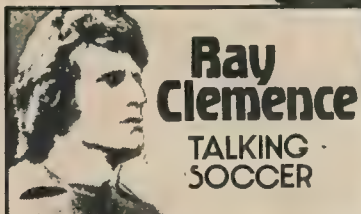
Not only will that gain us another entry in the record books, it will entitle us to a place in next year's competition. It's no consolation knowing we've already qualified for the less-prestigious U.E.F.A. Cup.

At Liverpool, second best is never good enough.

# 'Gayle could win Final place'

Howard Gayle shows his turn of speed to Bayern defender Wolfgang Kraus

Our jubilant columnist after Liverpool's win over Bayern Munich.



## HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

### LIVERPOOL

First Round Oulu PS (11-2 on agg)  
Second Round Aberdeen (5-0 on agg)  
Quarter-Finals CSKA Sofia (6-1 on agg)  
Semi-Finals Bayern Munich (away goals rule)

### REAL MADRID

First Round Limerick (7-2 on agg)  
Second Round Honved (3-0 on agg)  
Quarter-Finals Spartak Moscow (2-0 on agg)  
Semi-Finals Inter Milan (2-1 on agg)



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This tackle by Bayern's Karl Del Haye put Dalglish out of action in the Semi-Final in Munich.

## 'Real's past achievements mean nothing in Paris' says Kenny Dalglish

**P**UTTING the past in its place is Kenny Dalglish's recipe for success in the European Cup Final on May 27. Liverpool meet Real Madrid in a Paris Final that brings together two of the greatest club sides in European history.

"Real have a fantastic tradition in this competition," Dalglish explained, "and they are rightly known as the most complete and exciting club ever seen at this level.

"Fans of Celtic, Benfica, Ajax, Liverpool and Manchester United will probably disagree. But during their era, Real comprised some of the all-time greats — Puskas, di Stéfano, Gentó, Kopa and Santamaría.

"They are still remembered in Glasgow for the way they left 135,000 spectators breathless in May, 1960. Real crushed a very fine Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in an unforgettable Final and to this day

it is difficult to discuss the European Cup without giving the Spanish club a mention.

"But it is very important to keep things in perspective. Real's achievements in the 1950's and 1960's are commendable, even enviable. And while I respect tradition, the past will mean nothing when we meet in Paris.

"A team's greatness two decades ago may give the club greatness today. But this is a new Real Madrid, totally different players under totally different management.

"It goes without saying that they are a fine team. But we are the more successful, more

consistent side of this era."

Dalglish celebrated his first full season with Liverpool by scoring the winner at Wembley in their 1-0 European Cup Final triumph over Belgian club Bruges in 1978.

Since then Nottingham Forest have taken Liverpool's place as European Champions with 1-0 wins over Malmö in 1979 and Hamburger SV in 1980.

So Liverpool now bid to keep the trophy in England for five consecutive years — something no nation has achieved since Real Madrid gave Spain initial mastery from 1956-1960.

### 'Danger'

"Ten of the team Liverpool put out against Bruges in 1978 are still at Anfield. Only Emlyn Hughes has left," Dalglish added.

"Real have danger men such as Laurie Cunningham, West German international Uli Stielike and Spain's Juanito.

"We, however, have walked this road before with all the tension and excitement of bidding to become the top team in Europe. I respect Madrid's tradition and their current side. But I believe Liverpool has the depth of experience, the nerve and the ability to ensure that in years to come we are given the same historical consideration as Real."

## 'I'm not quitting' — Paisley

**W**HILE Bob Paisley has been waiting for the Anfield casualty list to be reduced, he has had a full report on Real by the Liverpool "spy" Tom Saunders, who has visited the Continent to run the rule over the opposition.

"Tom has kept us briefed," says the Liverpool manager. "And we know enough about Real to anticipate a tough battle.

"What we are not so sure about is the type of pitch we'll be playing on in Paris, where the stadium capacity is only 48,000.

"In the Semi-Final there was a crowd of 75,000 at the Olympic Stadium to see us against Bayern, and the pitch was in beautiful condition. If the park is as good for the Final, we'll have no complaints.

### 'Morale'

"Predicting the result of a game like this is difficult. Naturally, we'll be doing all we can to take the Cup back to Anfield for another year, and the morale of our players is high after the Bayern game."

Paisley's own morale is high enough for him not to be thinking of retirement, as has recently been suggested in one or two quarters.

He jokes: "I've no thoughts about parting company with Liverpool — they couldn't afford to pay my redundancy money!"

Certainly, the news that the popular Anfield supremo has no intention of quitting the game will be reassuring to Liverpool fans — the winning of the League Cup this season firmly establishes Bob Paisley as a top trophy collector.

To date, Paisley has won more Cups for his club than any other manager in the game in England.



## LIVERPOOL'S RECORD IN EUROPE

1964-65 EC Semi-Finals (beaten by Inter Milan)  
1965-66 CWC Final (lost to Borussia Dortmund)  
1966-67 EC Second Round (lost to Ajax)  
1967-68 EC Third Round (lost to Ferencvaros)  
1968-69 EC First Round (lost to Bilbao)  
1969-70 EC Second Round (lost to Setubal)  
1970-71 EC Semi-Finals (lost to Leeds)  
1971-72 CWC Second Round (lost to Bayern Munich)  
1972-73 UEFA WINNERS (beat Borussia Monchengladbach)  
1973-74 EC Second Round (lost to Red Star Belgrade)

1974-75 CWC Second Round (lost to Ferencvaros)  
1975-76 UEFA WINNERS (beat Bruges)  
1976-77 EC WINNERS (beat Borussia Monchengladbach)  
1977-78 EC WINNERS (beat Bruges)  
1978-79 EC First Round (lost to Nottingham Forest)  
1979-80 EC First Round (lost to Dynamo Tbilisi)

EC = European Cup  
CWC = Cup-Winners' Cup  
FC = Fairs Cup





## REDS GO FOR A HAT-TRICK

A hat-trick of European Cup Final victories. That's the dream of Liverpool when they take on mighty Real Madrid in Paris.

In 1977, goals by Terry McDermott, Tommy Smith and Phil Neal (penalty) destroyed West German Champions Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 in Rome.

A year later FC Bruges were humbled 1-0 at Wembley with Kenny Dalglish scoring.

This year, The Reds are at Europe's throat again.



Top left: Ray Kennedy blasts the goal that takes Liverpool to Paris. A happy Bob Paisley after the 1-1 Semi-Final draw with Bayern. Graeme Souness (main picture) outjumps a Bayern defender.







# Laurie's castle

**L**AURIE Cunningham and his girl-friend Nicki Hare-Brown have no trouble getting away from it all. Their mansion in the exclusive Las Matas area of Madrid, about seven miles from the city centre, is in an area described as the Beverley Hills of Spain. Originally it was set up by a group of film directors and now the area is populated by various stars, from footballers, bull-fighters to politicians. In the distance is General Franco's old house, Laurie's castle is actually on six levels, and while it isn't completed — he hopes to have a snooker room made — there is no chance of the Real Madrid star and his girl-friend being cramped. There are four bedrooms and three bathrooms, a huge kitchen, spacious living area — with more to come. Just as well with five dogs as company!





**SHOOT:** You jumped for joy when you heard that Liverpool had beaten Bayern Munich. Does that mean you rate The Reds an easier proposition?

**JUANITO:** Not exactly. It's just that Bayern are not our favourite team here at Real. Not only because they usually beat us, but because games between us tend to be a bit . . . spicy. Let's say I think there's more chance of a good game of football against a team like Liverpool, who I'm told are hard but fair, and don't try to provoke the opposition.

**SHOOT:** But you obviously feel you can beat Liverpool, don't you?

**JUANITO:** Yes, because I think we have the talent to produce a winning spark of brilliance. If this was a tie played home and away, maybe I wouldn't be quite so optimistic about our chances of coming out on top after the two games. But I honestly think we can beat Liverpool in 90 minutes of football on a neutral ground with both teams playing to win.

**SHOOT:** How much do you know about Liverpool?

**JUANITO:** I can't say I've seen that much of them since they last won the European Cup in 1978. But people like Dalglish, Thompson and the goalkeeper Clemence are big names on the international scene, and the critics can't all be wrong! On the other hand, I think that their strength is that they play very much as a unit rather than with the emphasis on outstanding individuals — the opposite to us, if I have to be honest. I suspect that individually we may have more ball

skills than Liverpool, but sometimes we improvise a little too much and overdo the solo efforts. In that respect the Final should be an interesting contrast of styles, and I reckon a side that combined the positive qualities of both sides would be quite an outfit.

**SHOOT:** Is it an advantage that

you've played fewer games than Liverpool?

**JUANITO:** I don't take this too seriously. I mean, if you add up all our pre-season friendlies, exhibition games and international matches, you'll probably find that some of us at Real have played just as many games. It's all in the mind

— and a true professional will try to make sure he's in the right frame of mind for a match as important as this one, no matter how many games he's played.

**SHOOT:** Your 2-1 win at Wembley against England — is it a morale-booster?

**JUANITO:** In a small way, maybe. But club and international football is very different. I'd say that a much more relevant factor is Real's good record against British teams in recent years.

**SHOOT:** Will you hope to take Liverpool apart with counter-attacks, just as you did at Wembley?

**JUANITO:** Well, it's the manager's job to decide tactics, but I can't see us playing a defensive game — that's not our style, particularly in a game where we've got to win. All right, if it turns out that Liverpool dominate most of the game then, yes, we'll be looking for the fast break just as Spain did at Wembley.

**SHOOT:** Is this game Juanito's big chance to establish himself firmly among Europe's top players?

**JUANITO:** It's an important game, but don't make out that I'll be looking for personal glory. I'll simply be trying to help the team win. We've got plenty of talent at Real apart from me, you know . . . I honestly believe — and please try to find some form of words in English that won't make me out to be a big-head — that I can be among the top names in European football, and this European Cup Final is exactly the sort of game where I'd love to prove it . . .

# 'We have the skill — they have the team-work' says JUANITO

**TEMPERAMENTAL, outspoken, as nice a person as you could wish to meet and, alongside Arconada and Zamora, Spain's most exciting talent. That's Juan Gomez, alias Juanito, the tricky right-winger signed by Real Madrid for a bargain £255,000 from Burgos just four years ago. Juanito's ball skills and ability to find space on the break helped Spain to destroy England at Wembley a couple of months ago in a game when he out-Keeganed Kevin Keegan. Now he's heading for Paris determined on a repeat performance against Liverpool.**

**European  
Cup Final**

**1980-81**

**PARIS**



*Juanito (above) celebrates after setting up a goal for Sotgiu for Spain against England.*



## The Forest way not for Real

**A**S Vujadin Boskov makes his way to the bench in Paris, he'll have reached the pinnacle of his managerial career just two years after joining Real Madrid.

Arriving in Spain in 1978, he was a success with Real Zaragoza and was a surprise choice to succeed Luis Molowny at Real Madrid a year later.

Boskov responded by taking Real to a League and Cup double in a season when they were named European Team of the Year in the Adidas Challenge.

And this year has been a personal triumph, as he's produced a European Finalist out of a team decimated by injuries and containing five inexperienced youngsters promoted from nursery side Castilla.

### 'Spectacle'

"First of all, football is a sport," insists Boskov. "Secondly it's a spectacle. At Real we always play to score more goals than the opposition, because the club has a fine tradition of attacking football.

"People have said to me 'Look, Nottingham Forest are Champions of Europe, so you should play like Nottingham Forest.' No way! Real Madrid are going to play like Real Madrid.

"Liverpool and Real are teams with very different qualities. I like Liverpool. I know they'll try to play football and that they'll let us play. I think it could be a very good Final."

If Real lose, Boskov will miss out on a bonus of £11,000-plus but the 50-year-old Yugoslav will undoubtedly accept defeat gracefully.

"In football, if you've got to lose, the important thing is to lose with your head held high, and having done your best to play attractive football."

## European Cup Final 1980-81 PARIS



**R**EAL have had a roller-coaster of a season, writes *SHOOT's* correspondent in Spain Graham Turner. Less than three months ago, the side were eighth in the League and looked down and out.

The team had been decimated by injuries (only five of the 22-man squad have escaped serious injury this term); the line-up was different every week; the new youngsters drafted into the defence were inexperienced; and the lack of security at the back seemed to drain the confidence from some of the older hands.

Del Bosque lost his creative flair in midfield. Juanito seemed lost and striker Santillana went weeks without scoring.

But, largely thanks to some excellent coaching by manager Boskov, those 'green' youngsters grew up virtually overnight, and Real came back from the dead in grand fashion, taking 14 points from their last seven League games and finally losing the title to Real Sociedad only on the narrowest margin of goal-average.

### Rock-bottom

Fortunately for Real, they hit rock-bottom while the European competitions were taking their winter break, and by the time they disposed of Inter Milan in the Semi-Finals, Real were playing good football in the finest traditions of the club, despite the continued absences of men like San José, Benito and Cunningham, plus a serious injury to goalkeeper García Remón that thrust 21-year-old understudy Agustín into the 'deep end' of a European Cup Semi-Final in San Siro.

Real, like most Spanish sides play three man-to-man markers at the back — recently García Cortés (23), Andrés Sabido (23) and international full-back Antonio Camacho (25), with García Navajas (23) as sweeper.

In midfield, Vicente Del Bosque (20) is Real's play-maker, and his creative skills are balanced by the hard-running aggression of West



Stielike is fouled by Clemence during the 1977 European Cup Final.

## Stielike out for revenge

German international Uli Stielike (26) and the tireless running of Angel (28), the workhorse of the team.

It says much for Real's strength in midfield that skilful, hard-shooting García Hernández (26), can't hold a regular place despite being among Spain's leading scorers.

And up front, Real have a wealth of talent in the shape of Juanito (26), the ball-playing architect of Spain's 2-1 win at Wembley; Carlos Santillana, a superb header of the ball who's now roared back to top goalscoring form; and the explosive skills of Laurie Cunningham (25), back after two toe operations that sidelined him for six months.

His young understudy, Francisco Pineda (22), is likely to be on the subs' bench, along with utility player Isidro (26), international full-back San José — back in action after a two-year lay-off with ligament problems — and reserve

keeper Miguel Angel (33), now in the twilight of his career with Real after being Spain's goalkeeper in Argentina in 1978.

In Paris, it's difficult to predict how the temperamental Spaniards will react to the nerves and the tension of the occasion, but I can't help feeling that the first goal will be the key to the final result.

If Liverpool draw first blood, some of Real's young heads may drop. But if the Spaniards can grab an early goal, that will certainly inspire them to play their best football.

And if Stielike and company can match Liverpool's speed and work-rate, the magic individual talents of Juanito and Cunningham could just swing the result in their favour.

Make no mistake, no one will be trying harder than Uli Stielike — he was in the Borussia Mönchengladbach side that lost to Liverpool in the 1977 Final, and he's hungry for revenge!

## REAL'S RIGHT ROYAL RECORD

**T**HE Kings of Europe. That's the undisputed title held by Liverpool's rivals as they head for a record-breaking ninth European Cup Final in Paris, the city where they won the first ever European Cup way back in 1956.

Since the competition began, Real have taken part in no

1955-56 CHAMPIONS (Stade Reims 4-3 in Paris)  
1956-57 CHAMPIONS (Fiorentina 2-0 in Madrid)  
1957-58 CHAMPIONS (AC Milan 3-2 a.e.t. in Brussels)  
1958-59 CHAMPIONS (Stade Reims 2-0 in Stuttgart)  
1959-60 CHAMPIONS (Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in Glasgow)  
1960-61 Eliminated 2nd Round by Barcelona (3-4)  
1961-62 RUNNERS-UP to Benfica (3-5 in Amsterdam)  
1962-63 Eliminated 1st Round by Anderlecht (3-4)  
1963-64 RUNNERS-UP to Inter Milan (1-3 in Vienna)  
1964-65 Eliminated Quarter-Finals by Benfica (3-6)  
1965-66 CHAMPIONS (Partizan Belgrade 2-1 in Brussels)  
1966-67 Eliminated Quarter-Finals by Inter Milan (0-3)  
1967-68 Eliminated Semi-Finals by Manchester Utd (3-4)  
1968-69 Eliminated 2nd Round by Rapid Vienna (2-2)\*  
1969-70 Eliminated 2nd Round by Standard Liege (2-4)

fewer than 21 of the 26 editions, and it says much for their proud record that they've been 'reduced' to participating in the UEFA Cup on only two occasions!

Just look at their superb track record (European Cup unless otherwise stated):

1970-71 Cup Winners' Cup — RUNNERS-UP to Chelsea (1-1, 1-2 in Athens)  
1971-72 UEFA Cup — Eliminated 2nd Round by PSV Eindhoven (3-3)\*  
1972-73 Eliminated Semi-Finals by Ajax (1-3)  
1973-74 UEFA Cup — Eliminated 1st Round by Ipswich (0-1)  
1974-75 Cup Winners' Cup — Eliminated Quarter-Finals by Red Star Belgrade (2-2)\*\*  
1975-76 Eliminated Semi-Finals by Bayern Munich (1-3)  
1976-77 Eliminated 2nd Round by FC Bruges (0-2)  
1977-78 Failed to qualify  
1978-79 Eliminated 2nd Round by Grasshoppers Zurich (3-3)\*  
1979-80 Eliminated Semi-Finals by Hamburger SV (3-5)  
1980-81 FINALISTS

\* = away goals; \*\* = penalties



# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

**Saturday, April 18**  
(CONTINUED)

## Scottish Second

<b>ALBION (0) 0</b>	
<b>STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2</b> (Rennie, Hancock)	250
<b>ALLOA (0) 1</b> (Grant)	
<b>QoS (3) 5</b> (Robertson, Phillips, Coughlan, Alexander 2)	650
<b>COWDENBEATH (1) 1</b> (Forrest)	
<b>ARBROATH (0) 0</b>	500
<b>FORFAR (0) 1</b> (Brash)	
<b>QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2</b> (Nicholson, Crawley pen)	1,132
<b>MEADOWBANK (0) 1</b> (Conroy)	
<b>E. FIFE (0) 0</b>	150
<b>MONTROSE (0) 3</b> (Hair, Taylor, Wright)	
<b>BRECHIN (1) 2</b> (Kyles, Campbell)	850
<b>STRANRAER (0) 1</b> (Murphy)	
<b>CLYDE (1) 1</b> (Masterton)	250

**Sunday, April 19**

## Fourth Division

<b>BRADFORD (2) 2</b> (Staniforth, Black)	
<b>HARTLEPOOL (0) 0</b>	1,614

**Monday, April 20**

## First Division

<b>ARSENAL (1) 3</b> (Talbot, Davis, Young)	
<b>CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2</b> (Price, Langley)	24,346
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland (McDermott), Stapleton, Nicholas, Davis.	
C. Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinshelwood, Price, Cannon, Gilbert, Bason, Brooks, Allen (Murphy), Langley, Hileire	

<b>BRIGHTON (0) 2</b> (Robinson, Gregory)	
<b>LEICESTER (1) 1</b> (MacDonald)	22,000
Brighton: Moseley, Stevens, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Gregory, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan	
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, MacDonald, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Melrose, Young, Wilson, Grewcock (Byrne).	

<b>MANCHESTER CITY (0) 3</b> (Bennett, Reeves, Mackenzie)	
<b>EVERTON (0) 1</b> (Varadi)	34,434
Man. City: Corrigan, Henry, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Bennett, Tueart, Mackenzie, Buckley, Sugrue (Reeves)	
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons, Lodge, Megson, Eastoe (Sharp), Varadi, Hartford, McBride	

<b>NORWICH (0) 1</b> (Fashanu)	
<b>IPSWICH (0) 0</b>	25,000
Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Barham (Jack)	
Ipswich: Cooper, Steggle (D'Avray), Mills, Parkin, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Turner, Brazil, McCall	

<b>NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1</b> (Francis)	
<b>WOLVES (0) 0</b>	19,711
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray (F), McGovern, Aas, Gunn, Mills, Ward, Francis, Walsh, Robertson	
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Clarke, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves	

<b>SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1</b> (Channon)	
<b>TOTTENHAM (0) 1</b> (Miller)	23,735
Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney, Holmes, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan (Puckett), Channon, Baker, Moran, Ball.	
Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Perryman, McAllister, Miller, Villa, Ardiles, Falco, Galvin, Hazard, Crooks.	

<b>STOKE (1) 1</b> (O'Callaghan)	
<b>ASTON VILLA (1) 1</b> (Withe)	23,500
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.	
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw (Deacy), Withe, Cowans, Morley	

<b>WBA (1) 2</b> (Regis 2)	
<b>SUNDERLAND (1) 1</b> (Ritchie pen)	15,243
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.	
Sunderland: Siddall, Hinnigan, Bolton, Hindmarch, Arnott, Vincent, Chisholm, Buckley, Ritchie, Brown, Cummins.	



Paul Davis (no. 11) nets for Arsenal during the 3-2 defeat of Crystal Palace.

## Second Division

<b>BOLTON (1) 1</b> (Kidd pen)	
<b>WREXHAM (1) 1</b> (Buxton)	7,594
Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Brennan, Reid, Jones, Cantello, Nikolic, Whatmore, Thomas, Hoggan (Kidd), Gowling.	
Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Buxton, Vinter, McNeil, Hill.	

<b>CAMBRIDGE (0) 1</b> (Gibbins)	
<b>NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2</b> (Christie 2)	5,507
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Evans, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons, O'Neill	
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.	

<b>CARDIFF (1) 2</b> (Grapes, Kitchen)	
<b>BRISTOL CITY (1) 3</b> (Mabbutt, Mann 2)	5,579
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Grapes, Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Micallef	
Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Hay, Aitken, Marshall, Sweeney, Musker (Tainton), Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Mann, Chandler.	

<b>CHELSEA (0) 0</b>	
<b>LUTON (1) 2</b> (Moss, Hill)	
Chelsea: Borota, Pates, Rofe, Bumstead, Nutton, Chivers, Locke, Fillery, Lee, Mayes (Rhoades-Brown), Hutchings.	
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Antic, Moss	

<b>NEWCASTLE (0) 1</b> (Shoulder)	
<b>GRIMSBY (1) 1</b> (Drinkell)	13,215
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Treweek, Harford, Wharton, Walker	
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wiggington, Moore, Ford, Whymark (Kilmore), Drinkell, Mitchell, Broly.	

<b>OLDHAM (0) 0</b>	
<b>DERBY (1) 2</b> (Buckley, Clayton)	6,194
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Fletcher, Wyld (Heaton), McDonough, Steel, Palmer, Atkinson	
Derby: Jones, Osgood, Buckley, Powell (S), Sheridan, Powell (B), Reid, Hector, Clayton, Wilson, Emson	

## Third Division

<b>BARNLEY (0) 1</b> (Banks)	
<b>CHESTERFIELD (0) 1</b> (Crawford)	17,019

<b>COLCHESTER (0) 0</b>	
<b>BRENTFORD (2) 2</b> (Shrubb, Booker)	2,609

**Tuesday, April 21**

## First Division

<b>BIRMINGHAM (0) 0</b>	
<b>LEEDS (1) 2</b> (Parlane, Hird pen)	15,505
Birmingham: Coton, Langan, Broadhurst, Dillon, Gallagher, Van den Hauwe, Ainscow, Evans (Ivey), Bertschin, Gemmill, Handysides.	
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart (Firm), Cherry, Harris, Hird, Parlane, Stevenson, Graham	

<b>MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0</b>	
<b>COVENTRY (0) 1</b> (Daly)	11,371
Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, Bell, Angus, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Burns (Askew), Shearer, Armstrong.	
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Gooding, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt	

## Second Division

<b>BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1</b> (Barrett)	
<b>SWANSEA (2) 2</b> (James (R), Curtis)	8,250
Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Gillies, Slater, McCaffery, Hughes, Emmanuel, Barrett, Williams, Penny, Randall, Mabbutt.	
Swansea: Stewart, Evans Hadziabdic, Giles, Stevenson, Lewis, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Charles, Craig.	

<b>PRESTON 0</b>	
<b>BLACKBURN 0</b>	18,742
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Coleman, Bell, Baxter, Blackley, Burns, Haslegrave, Bruce, Houston, Elliott.	
Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Kaeley, Fazackerley, Garner, Stonehouse, Lowey, Burke, Speight.	

<b>WEST HAM (2) 3</b> (Goddard 3)	
<b>QPR (0) 0</b>	24,599
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking (Barnes), Pike.	
QPR: Burridge, Neill, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks (Burke), Roeder, Waddock, Francis, Flanagan, Currie, Sealy.	

<b>SHREWSBURY (1) 2</b> (Biggins, Smith (og))	
<b>SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0</b>	8,118
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Biggins, Cross.	
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering (Taylor), Shirliff, Johnson, Mirocevic, Mellor, Curran, McCulloch.	

## Third Division

<b>BURNLEY (0) 0</b>	
<b>CARLISLE (1) 3</b> (Staniforth 3)	5,100

<b>CHARLTON 0</b>	
<b>OXFORD 0</b>	7,634

<b>EXETER (0) 1</b> (Kellow)	
<b>PLYMOUTH (0) 1</b> (Sims)	8,401

<b>HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1</b> (Lillis)	
<b>WALSALL (0) 1</b> (Waddington)	9,463

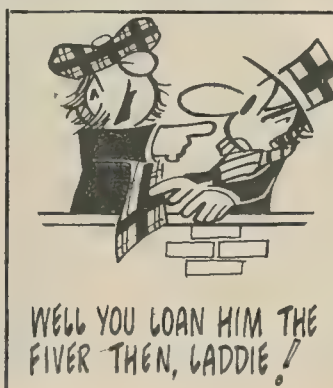
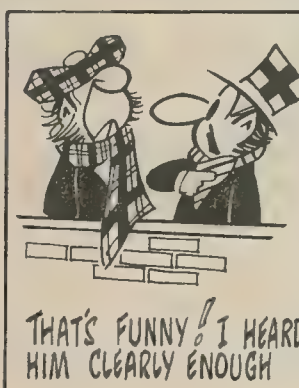
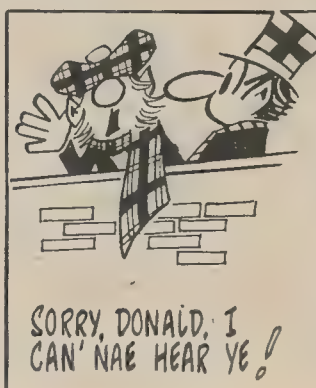
<b>SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1</b> (Hatton)	
<b>FULHAM (1) 2</b> (Coney, Greenaway)	10,898

## Fourth Division

<b>DONCASTER (1) 2</b> (Lister, Snodin)	
<b>BRADFORD (0) 0</b>	8,856

<b>NORTHAMPTON (1) 2</b> (Denyer, Phillips)	
<b>PETERBOROUGH (0) 2</b> (Cooke, Foster)	3,800

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# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

**Wednesday, April 22**

## European Cup

(Semi-Final, second leg)

**BAYERN MUNICH (0) 1 (Rummenigge)**  
**LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Kennedy (R))** 75,000  
 Bayern: Junghans, Dremmler, Horsmann, Weiner, Augenthaler, Kraus, Durnberger (Janzon), Bretnier, Hoess, Del Hays, Rummenigge.  
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Irwin, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish (Gayle) (Case), Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Agg 1-1. Liverpool won on away goals.

## U.E.F.A. CUP

(Semi-Final, second leg)

**FC COLOGNE (0) 0**  
**IPSWICH (0) 1 (Butcher)**  
 FC Cologne: Schumacher, Prestin, Konopka, Zimmermann (Kroth), Bonhof, Cullman, Littbarski, Botteron, Muller, Engels, Woodcock.  
 Ipswich: Cooper, Steggles, McCall, Thijsen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Mills.  
 Ipswich win 2-0 on agg.

## Scottish Premier

**ABERDEEN 0**  
**RANGERS 0** 12,500  
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Simpson (Watson), Scanlon (Harrow), McGhee, Angus, Hewitt.  
 Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, Forsyth, Bett, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, McAdam.

**DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 (Pettigrew, Sturrock)**  
**CELTIC (2) 3 (MacLeod, McGarvey, Burns)** 15,349  
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Stark, Bannon, Milne, Pettigrew, Sturrock, Addison (Gough).  
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, MacLeod, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Conroy, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.



Celtic's Frank McGarvey.

## Scottish First

**CLYDEBANK (1) 3 (Miller, McGorm, Given pen)**  
**RAITH (0) 0** 400  
**DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton)**  
**BERWICK (1) 1 (Tait)** 1,200

## Scottish Second

**MONTROSE (1) 3 (Beebie, Taylor, Forrest)**  
**COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Markie)** 300

**Friday, April 24**

## Fourth Division

**TRANMERE (1) 1 (Williams)**  
**SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Pilling, Stewart)** 1,063

**Saturday, April 25**

## First Division

**ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Shaw, Withe, Evans)**  
**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0** 38,018  
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.  
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Ross, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Shearer, Jankovic, Armstrong.

**COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thompson)**  
**SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0** 18,213  
 Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Gooding, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.  
 Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney (Puckett), Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Channon, Moran, Holmes, Baker.

**CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Smillie)**  
**NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 3 (Gray (S), Wallace, Aas)** 12,138  
 Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinshelwood, Murphy, Cannon, Gilbert, Bason, Brooks, Walsh, Langley, Smillie.  
 Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gunn, McGovern, Burns, Aas, Mills, Wallace, Francis, Gray (S), Robertson.

**EVERTON (0) 0**  
**STOKE (0) 1 (Heath)** 15,352  
 Everton: McDonagh, Barton, Bailey, Lyons, Ratcliffe, Lodge, Megson, Eastoe, Sharp, Hartford, McBride.  
 Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Doyle, O'Callaghan, Dodd, Ursem (Hampton), Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.

**IPSWICH (0) 1 (Butcher)**  
**MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0** 22,684  
 Ipswich: Cooper, Steggles, McCall, Thijsen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Turner, Brazil, Callaghan.  
 Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, Henry, Reid, Power, Booth, Bennett, Tuart, Mackenzie, Buckley (May), Reeves.

**MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Jordan)**  
**NORWICH 0** 40,165  
 Man United: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Wilkins.  
 Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu (Nightingale), Royle, Paddon, Bennett.

**SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Brown)**  
**BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Robinson, Williams)** 22,317  
 Sunderland: Siddall, Hinnigan, Bolton, Hindmarsh, Elliott, Rowell, Chisholm, Buckley, Ritchie, Brown (Vincent), Cummins.  
 Brighton: Digweed, Ramsey, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Gregory, Ritchie (Ryan), Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.

**TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hoddle)**  
**LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Gayle)** 35,334  
 Tottenham: Aleksic, Smith, Miller, McAllister, Villa (Brooke), Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.  
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Irwin, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Gayle, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

**WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards)**  
**ARSENAL (1) 2 (Berry (o.g.), Stapleton)** 15,160  
 Wolves: Kearns, Palmer, Parkin, Clarke, McAllie, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Teasdale.  
 Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, McDermott, Stapleton, Nicholas, Davis.  
 Leeds v West Brom postponed

## Second Division

**BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Lowey pen, Burke, Speight)**  
**NEWCASTLE (0) 0** 10,609  
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Kaeley, Fazackerley, Burke, Crawford, Lowey, Stonehouse, Speight.

**BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Mann)**  
**SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Cross)** 5,698  
 Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Whitehead (Smith), Tainton, Marshall, Sweeney, Musker, Mann, Mabbutt, Chandler, Aitken.  
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Biggins (Bates), Cross.

**GRIMSBY (0) 0**  
**CARDIFF (1) 1 (Stevens)** 7,377  
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Steeples (Kilmore), Whymark, Mitchell, Cumming.  
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Dwyer, Sullivan, Pontin, Grapes, Ronson, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Micallef.

**LUTON (0) 1 (Stein)**  
**OLDHAM (1) 2 (Wylde 2)** 10,305  
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Antic (West), Moss.  
 Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Fother, Wylde, Heaton, Steele, Palmer, Atkinson.

**NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Goodwin)**  
**WATFORD (1) 2 (Blissett 2 (pen))** 10,345  
 Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcine, Richards, McCulloch, Messon, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.  
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett.

**Q.P.R. (2) 5 (Roeder, Sealy 2, Muir 2)**  
**CAMBRIDGE (0) 0** 6,668  
 QPR: Burridge, Fenwick, Gillard, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Sealy, Francis, Flanagan, Currie, Muir.  
 Cambridge: Key, Turner, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Evans, Spriggs, Reilly, Lyons (Goldsmith), O'Neill.

**SWANSEA (2) 3 (Robinson, Hadziabdic, James (R))**  
**CHELSEA (0) 0** 16,063  
 Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Stevenson, Lewis, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Mahoney, Craig.  
 Chelsea: Borota, Pates, Wilkins, Bumstead, Nutton (Fillery), Chivers, Locke, Britton, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown.

**WREXHAM (2) 3 (Vinter 2, Fox)**  
**BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Barrett)** 3,220  
 Wrexham: Davies, Downman, Cegielski, Davis, Dwyer, Carrodus, Fox, Burton, McNeil, Vinter, Hill.  
 Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Westway, Slater, McCaffery, Hughes (Holloway), Williams (G), Barrett, Williams (D), Randall, Penny, Mabbutt.  
 Derby v Preston, Sheff Wed v West Ham postponed.

## Third Division

**BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Entwistle)**  
**BARNLEY (0) 0** 7,648

**BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Booker, Hurlock)**  
**ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Moore)** 6,910

**CARLISLE (0) 1 (Bannon)**  
**CHARLTON (2) 2 (Walsh, Robinson)** 4,397

**FULHAM (0) 1 (Strong)**  
**READING (1) 2 (Dixon 2)** 4,601

**GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Bruce, Raynor o.g.)**  
**CHESTER (0) 1 (Oakes)** 3,228

**HULL (1) 1 (Deacy)**  
**SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 1 (Trusson)** 4,895

**NEWPORT (1) 1 (Aldridge)**  
**COLCHESTER (0) 0** 4,619

**PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Kemp 2)**  
**BURNLEY (0) 1 (Cavener)** 4,331

**PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Doyle pen)**  
**HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Austin 2)** 10,238

**WALSALL (0) 2 (Penn, Rees)**  
**SWINDON (0) 1 (Miller)** 3,429  
 Chesterfield v Exeter postponed.

## Fourth Division

**ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Sanford)**  
**YORK (0) 1 (McDonald pen)** 1,813

**BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0**  
**LINCOLN (1) 1 (Shipley)** 3,542

**BURY (0) 0**  
**STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Fowler)** 2,862

**DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Smith, Speedie)**  
**CREWE (0) 1 (Nelson)** 1,304

**PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Foster)**  
**HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Lawrence)** 3,560

**TORQUAY (0) 0**  
**SOUTHEND (3) 3 (Nelson, Hadley, Cusack pen)** 1,767

**WIGAN (0) 1 (Methven)**  
**WIMBLEDON (0) 0** 3,381

Mansfield v Doncaster, Rochdale v Northampton postponed.

## Scottish Premier

**AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Clark)**  
**HEARTS (1) 2 (Liddell (G) 2)** 1,200

**Airdrie:** Martin, Erwin (Kearney), Anderson (G), McCluskey, Rodger, Walker, Anderson (N), McKeown, Flood, Clark, McGuire.  
**Hearts:** Brough, Danny, More, Liddell (F), Shields, Hamill, O'Brien, Kidd, Mackay, Robertson, Liddell (G)

**CELTIC (1) 1 (Provan)**  
**KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Eadie)** 23,300  
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Aitken, Reid, Sullivan, McLeod, Burns, Provan, Nicholas, McGarvey.  
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch, Robin, McDicken, Armstrong, Robertson, Clarke, McLean, Cockburn, McCready, Bourke, Eadie.

**DUNDEE UNITED 0**  
**ABERDEEN 0** 6,360  
 Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Murray, Kirkwood, Hegarty (Gough), Stark, Bannon, Milne, Pettigrew, Sturrock, Payne (Gibson).  
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, McGhee, Angus (Jarvie), Hewitt.

**PARTICK (0) 1 (Whittaker)**  
**RANGERS (1) 1 (Russell)** 7,077  
 Partick: Rough, Welsh, Campbell, Anderson, Whittaker, Jardine, Doyle, O'Hara, Park (Lapsley), Higgins, Clark (Watson).  
 Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Forsyth, Stevens, Miller, McLean, Russell, Bett, Redford, Johnstone, McAdam.

**ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Bone 2)**  
**MORTON (0) 0** 4,345  
 St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Fulton, Copland, Beckett, McCormack, Stark (Logan), Abercrombie, Bone, McDougall, Richardson.  
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, McLaughlin, Hutchison, Holmes, Wilkie, Rooney, Cochrane, Busby, Tolmie, McNab.

## Scottish First

**AYR (0) 1 (Morris)**  
**DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Blair 2)** 998

**CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (McKeown, Miller)**  
**EAST STIRLING (0) 0** 400

**DUNFERMLINE (0) 0**  
**RAITH (0) 1 (Russell)** 2,535

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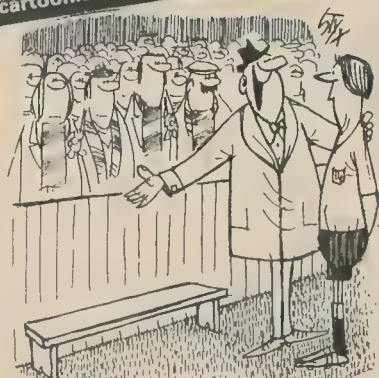
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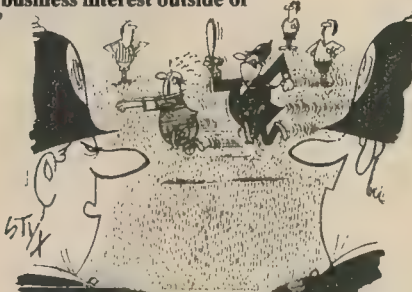
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# 'COUNTY MUST BUY'

**O**UR Nottingham neighbours Notts County have made it to the First Division and I can tell them that everyone at Forest is delighted for them.

It's been a great achievement by Jimmy Sirrel and his players to come from the Fourth Division to the First in the space of 11 years and if they have lived in the shade of Forest for a few seasons, they will be hoping the clouds have finally disappeared.

## Publicity

Obviously, Forest having had so much success has inevitably meant that the mass of publicity has been on the events at the City Ground rather than Meadow Lane.

But they have quietly and efficiently gone about their work and now the rewards have come their way.

To be perfectly honest, I don't really know too much about the Notts team because with Forest and other commitments I've never had

the opportunity of watching them.

But from what the other lads at Forest have told me, they are an extremely hard-working side who, although having had a deal of goalscoring problems, don't concede many.

And I always think that being sound at the back is one of the main priorities of any side coming out of the Second Division into the First.

Their main aim next season will be to survive, but who knows what they might achieve if they sign a

couple of players to give them the look of a First Division outfit.

Most clubs make transfer moves during the close season and it looks as though Notts have been trying to get some money together to buy

But whatever happens to them next season, their achievement in getting into the First Division in the first place is an enormous one.

*Delighted County players congratulate scorer Rachid Harkouk after the goal at Chelsea which secured promotion.*



# 'I needed a break'

**T**HE last thing I wanted to do was pull out of England's squad for the international against Brazil at Wembley, but circumstances dictated that it was necessary.

With my future at Nottingham Forest clouded in doubt I felt I had been playing and living under a fair amount of pressure. And it's inevitable that such pressure is passed on to your family.

So I made a decision that it was best for all concerned for me to take a complete break from football for several weeks and have a fresh look at my situation later in the summer.

I spoke to Ron Greenwood and he was very understanding about my predicament. I hope when everything is sorted out once and for all I can pick up my England

career again.

As I've mentioned several times before, my international career is very important to me and I don't want anything to jeopardise it if humanly possible.

Obviously, there is a lot of uncertainty about my position at Forest and I would hope that in a few weeks time I might be able to have more talks with Brian Clough and Peter Taylor and sort out a few things.

I still believe that a break from English football might be good for me but I'll just have to wait and see what happens when I get back from holiday.

*Steve Shilton*





## Atlanta Chiefs

ORIGINALLY the Colorado Caribous, they moved to Georgia in 1979, although they have not been particularly successful. Atlanta had a pro soccer team from 1967 to 1973 and they even won the NASL in 1968, when the now League commissioner Phil Woosnam was player-coach and general manager. Second time round the Chiefs are hoping for similar honours.

00	*Graham Tutt	G
2	*Bruce Savage	D
3	*Mark MacKain	D
4	*Tony Whelan	D
5	*Branko Radovic	D
6	*Bobby Arber	D
7	*Lawrence Chelin	M
8	*Brian Alderson	M
9	*Paul Child	F
10	*David Byrne	F
11	*David Irving	F
12	*Carl Strong	M
14	*Don Droegge	D
15	*Don Payne	M
16	*Keith Furphy	F
18	*Trevor Franklin	D
20	*Webster Lichaba	M
21	*Ken Mokgoja	F
22	*Brian Kidd	F
23	*Hayden Knight	F
27	*Lou Cioffi	G

Injured — Victor Nogueira  
Coach: David Chadwick

\*British Citizen

\*North American Citizen

## Calgary Boomers

A NEW club, who switched from Memphis this year.

0	*Darryl Wallace	G
1	*Jurgen Stars	G
2	*Gerd Zimmermann	D
3	*Paul D'Agostino	D
5	*Helmut Kremers	M
6	*Victor Kodolja	D
7	*Carlos Salguero	F
8	*Jurgen Roerber	M
10	*Juan Carlos Molina	M
11	*Ramon Ponce	F
13	*Bruce Bates	D
14	*Danny Vaughn	D
15	*Milan Stojisavljevic	M
16	*Billy Gazonas	M
17	*Willi Neuburger	D
18	*Dave Woodsford	F
19	*Jorgen Kristensen	F
20	*Tony Heap	M
22	*Tom Boric	G

Coach: Al Miller

## California Surf

FORMER St. Louis Stars, the club moved west in 1978 to Anaheim to an average gate of 11,500. They've always had a strong British influence, with Peter Wall taking over from John Sewell as coach — both are former Crystal Palace defenders.

1	*Mike Mahoney	G
3	*Steve Seargeant	D
4	*John Craven	D
5	*Steve Feeney	D
7	*Johann Scharmann	M
8	*Charlie Cooke	M
9	*Graham Oates	F
10	*Steve Moyers	F
11	*Alan Mayer	G
14	*Laurie Abrahams	F
15	*Vidal Fernandez	M
16	*Craig Allen	F
17	*Paul Cahill	D
18	*Valmir Fernandes	D
19	*Kai Steffen	M
20	*Mark Lindsay	M
22	*Tony Crudo	D
23	*Manny Neves	M
24	*Steve Helmlich	G

Coach: Peter Wall

## Chicago Sting

NOW in their seventh year, soccer hit "Windy City, USA"

under one-time Manchester United centre-half Bill Foulkes. In 1977 they fell from power, but Willy Roy took over from Foulkes and put together a powerful outfit that is now reckoned to be one of the best in the League.

1	*Phil Parkes	G
2	*Ivica Miljkovic	D
3	*Greg Ryan	D
4	*Derek Spalding	D
6	*Arno Steffenhagen	M
7	*Frantz Mathieu	D
8	*Rudy Glenn	D
9	*Charlie Fajkus	M
10	*Pato Margetic	F
11	*Mark Simanton	D
12	*Karl-Heinz Granitza	F
13	*Tasso Koutsoukos	F
14	*Ingo Peter	M
15	*Jorge Espinoza	D
16	*Dave Huson	F
17	*Steve Long	F
18	*John Tyma	F
20	*Paul Coffee	G
23	*Brett Hall	D
25	*Peter Rossel	F

Coach: Willy Roy

## Dallas Tornado

THE Ewings' home town is the only city to have participated in pro-soccer every year since the NASL was formed in 1968. Champions in 1971, the success of the Tornado has inspired many locals to take up soccer.

0	*Billy Phillips	G
1	*Bill Irwin	G
2	*Pedro Gano	D
3	*Peter Gruber	D
4	*Neil Cohen	D
5	*Teodoro Santana	M
7	*Zequinha	F
8	*Fleming Lund	M
10	*Omar Gomez	F
11	*Silvio	F
13	*Mike Stankovic	D
14	*Ede Wolf	M
15	*Chris Collins	D
16	*David James	D
17	*Carl Bennett	F
18	*Njego Pesa	F
19	*Wolfgang Rausch	M
22	*Nathan Sacks	M
23	*Paul Jones	F
24	*Rudy Pena	D
25	*Jeff Flammang	D

Coach: Mike Renshaw

## Edmonton Drillers

BORN in 1979 (formerly the Oakland Stompers), the Drillers won their Western Division in 1980; they also claimed the Indoors title later in the year.

0	*John Baretta	G
1	*Pertti Alaha	G
2	*Joe Raduka	D
3	*Mark Snell	G
4	*Dwight Lodeweges	D
5	*John Webb	D
6	*Andre Oostrom	M
7	*Peter Nogly	D
8	*Klaus Heinlein	M
9	*Edi Kirschner	F
10	*Drew Ferguson	M
11	*Ross Ongaro	F
12	*Kai Haaskivi	M
13	*Mike Sweeney	D
16	*Albert Gudmundsson	F
17	*Jan Goossens	F
18	*Pasquale DeLuca	D
19	*Norm Odinga	D
20	*Bernie James	D
21	*P. J. Johns	G

Coach: Timo Liooski

## Fort Lauderdale Strikers

THEY'VE been the Washington Darts, Miami Gators, and Miami Toros. Owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Robbie (who also owns an American Football team), the Strikers came into effect in the 1977 season and have

# WHO'S WHO IN THE USA

been consistently successful since, losing the final play-off to the Cosmos last year. They boast some familiar World Cup names — others, such as Gordon Banks and George Best, have come and gone.

1	*Jan Van Beveren	G
2	*Arsene Auguste	D
3	*Jon Pot	D
4	*Ray Hudson	M
5	*Elias Figueroa	D
6	*Bob Bolitho	D
8	*Colin Fowles	M
10	*Teofilo Cubillas	M
12	*Ruben Morales	F
13	*Jim Tietjens	G
14	*Keith Weller	M
15	*Gerd Mueller	F
17	*Tibor Gemeri	F
18	*Robert Meschbach	F
19	*Steve Rabovsky	D
22	*Tedd Hamilton	M
24	*Thomas Rongen	M
25	*Roy Wiggemansen	D

Injured — \*Ken Fogarty, Rick Wiegand, Sam Zigelboim, Mike Ortiz Velez  
Coach: Eckhard Krautzun

## Jacksonville Tea Men

LAST season they were the New England Tea Men, but they moved to northern Florida with most of their players and coach Noel Cantwell. Their 68,000-capacity Gator Bowl Stadium had a happy baptism, with a 1-0 win over Toronto.

00	*Peter Simonini	G
1	*Arnie Mausser	G
2	*Nick Mijatovic	D
3	*Tommy O'Hara	D
4	*Ringo Cantillo	M
6	*Jack Carmichael	D
7	*Bob Newton	F
8	*Alan Green	F
9	*Eduardo Marasco	F
10	*Mike Gribbon	F
11	*Pat Ercoli	M
12	*Tony Brown	M
13	*Dennis Wit	M
14	*Jorge Berrio	D
17	*John Lignos	D
18	*Jean Pierre Tokoto	M
19	*Nino Zac	M
20	*Vincent Larocca	M

Coach: Noel Cantwell

## Los Angeles Aztecs

FORMER in 1974, it was a memorable debut year with the Aztecs going on to win the Championship. Last season they were managed by Rinus Michels. Now Brazil's 1978 boss Claudio Coutinho is in charge, but the area has proved to be slow to watch soccer even when Johan Cruyff was there.

1	*Alfredo Anhielo	G
3	*Eric Reese	D
4	*Todd Saldana	F/M
5	*Mihajl Keri	D
6	*Gelson DeOliveira	D
7	*Chris Dangerfield	F
8	*Paulo DeMoura	D/M
9	*Javier Aguirre	F
10	*Dragan Simic	F
11	*Bill Faria	F
12	*Marcelino Oliveira	F
13	*Luiz Rangel	D/M
14	*Poli Garcia	F
15	*Roberto DeOliveira	F
16	*Dave Shelton	F
17	*Luis Fernando	F
18	*John McGrane	D
19	*Mike McLanaghan	D/M
23	*Kurt Stierle	D/M
24	*Willem Suurbier	D
25	*Chris Turner	G
26	*Savva Biller	G

Injured — \*Luiz Rangel  
Coach: Claudio Coutinho

THE days of British rule in the North American Soccer League are over. There are 120 British players in the NASL now, compared with 191 North Americans. Three clubs, the Cosmos, San Diego Sockers and the Calgary Boomers, have no British stars on their rosters. There must be at least three North Americans in each team and at last American clubs are encouraging young Americans, rather than relying on European 'mercenaries'. Here is a complete list of the current squads in the NASL — we'll keep you up-to-date with events regularly throughout the season.



## Minnesota Kicks

MOVED 900 miles west from Denver where they were the Dynamos, since 1976 the Kicks have been a big hit. They've been averaging around 30,000 and former Birmingham manager Freddie Goodwin has just started his sixth season in charge. Very British, the Kicks will once again be challenging for the title.

00	*Geoff Barnett	G
1	*Tino Lettieri	G
3	*David Stride	D
5	*Steve Litt	D
6	*Ruben Pagnanini	D/M
7	*Steve Heighway	F
8	*Mark Moran	M
9	*Alan Willey	F
11	*Ace Ntsokolengoe	M
12	*Ricardo Alonso	F
13	*Stewart Jump	D
14	*Tony Pesznaker	D/M
15	*Chico Hamilton	F
16	*Randy Phillips	G
17	*Tim Clark	D
18	*Ron Fletcher	F
20	*Tim Twellman	M/D
23	*Tony Want	D
25	*Gary Vogel	D

Coach: Freddie Goodwin

## Le Manic De Montreal

THEY prefer to be known as this, rather than Montreal Manic. A new club who were the Philadelphia Fury last year.

1	*Bob Rigby	G
2	*Bob Smith	D
3	*Andy Lynch	D
4	*Michael Corre	D
5	*Rudi Martinovic	D
6	*Fran O'Brien	M



British stars Manny Andruzweski (left) and Kevin Hector in action (above). Wim Suurbier (below) now at Los Angeles.







Teofilo Cubilas, the Peruvian star of Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

7	Robert Vosmaer	M
8	†Tony Towers	M
9	†Andrew Parkinson	F
10	Thompson Usiyan	F
11	†Gordon Hill	F
12	*Carmine Marcantonio	M
13	*Pat Fidelia	F
14	*Sonny Askew	M
15	Ossama Kahlil	F
16	*Dan Salvemini	D
17	*Barney Boyce	D
18	*Chris Chueden	F
19	*Nick Albanis	D
20	*John Van Oostveen	D
22	Damir Sutevski	G
Coach: Eddie Firmani		

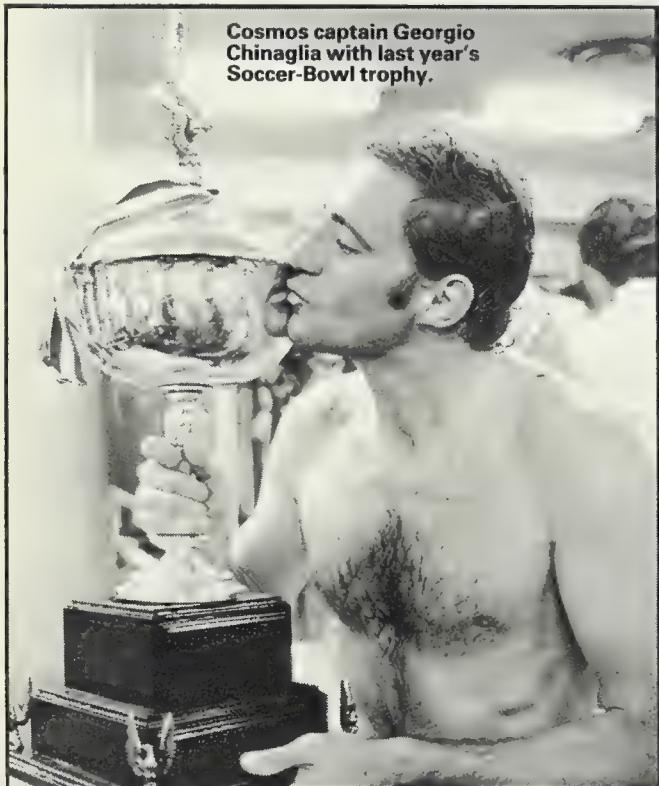
#### New York Cosmos

KNOWN simply as the Cosmos, the richest club in the world (backed by the giant Warner Communications) and the most successful (or winningest as the Americans say) in the USA. Champions in 1972, 1977, 1978 and 1980, it would take a page to list their achievements. Perhaps their biggest was luring the one and only Pele out of retirement in 1975 — and that's when soccer really took off in America. Since then they've had greats such as Franz Beckenbauer, Johan Neeskens and Carlos Alberto. The Cosmos attract the sort of gates that any British club would be happy with, over 40,000 on average.

1	Hubert Birkenmeier	G
2	Andranik Eskandarian	D
3	*Robert Iaruscio	D
4	*Jeff Durgan	D
5	Carlos Alberto	D
7	Juilo Cesar Romero	M
8	Vladislav Bogicevic	M
9	*Giorgio Chingalia	F
11	Seninho	F
12	*Larry Hulcer	M
13	Johan Neeskens	M
15	Wim Rijsbergen	D
16	*Angelo DiBernardo	M
17	*Rick Davis	M
18	*Boris Bandov	M
19	Roberto Cabanas	F
20	Francois Van der Elst	F
21	*David Brcic	F
24	*Darryl Gee	F
25	*Dominick Barczewski	D
26	*Erhardt Kapp	D
27	*Dino Alberti	G
28	Herman Borja	F
Coach: Hennes Weisweiler		



Rowdies coach Gordon Jago.



Cosmos captain Georgio Chinaglia with last year's Soccer-Bowl trophy.

#### Portland Timbers

FORMED in 1975 and went on to be runners-up to the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the Soccer Bowl Final. 1976 was another good year, but since then there's been a downward trend.

1	†Keith MacRae	G
2	*Glenn Myernick	D
3	†Clive Charles	D
4	†Gary Collier	D
5	†Graham Day	D
6	†John Bain	M
7	*Dale Mitchell	F
8	†Jimmy Conway	M
9	†Willie Donachie	D
11	†Stuart Lee	F
12	†Willie Anderson	F
13	*Garry Ayre	D
14	*Bruce Gant	D
15	†John Pratt	D
16	*Brian Gant	M/D
18	*Bernie Fagan	D
20	*Michael Farebrother	F
21	†Jimmy Kelly	F
23	Young Jeung Cho	D/M
24	*Chris Heilenkamp	M
31	*Dragan Eadovic	G
	†Barry Powell	M
	†Ally Brown	F
Coach: Vic Crowe		

#### Tampa Bay Rowdies

AMERICA'S number two club behind the Cosmos, the Rowdies have won the Championship once and been runners-up twice. Coached by Gordon Jago, they have probably the three best North American players of any side in DuBoise, McLeod and Van Der Beck. With Frank Worthington in their attack there should be no shortage of goals at the Tampa Stadium, one of the best in the world.

1	*Winston DuBoise	G
2	†Ian Anderson	M
3	†John Gorman	D
4	†Refik Kozic	D
5	Jan Van der Veen	M
6	Mike Connell	F
7	Steve Wegerle	F
8	*Wes McLeod	M
9	†Frank Worthington	F
11	*Dave Taber	D
12	*Perry Van der Beck	M
14	†Tony Kinsella	M
15	†David Mehmet	F
16	*Billy Sweetzer	D
18	Washington Olivera	F
19	Neill Roberts	F
20	Oscar Fabbiani	F
21	†Manny Andruszewski	D
22	*Kevin Clinton	G
23	*Keith Bailey	M
24	*Tim Hanley	G
Coach: Gordon Jago		

#### San Diego Sockers

IN their eighth season the Sockers are still finding it tough in southern California. It could be a make-or-break year for the club.

0	*Jim Gorsek	G
1	Volkmar Gross	G
2	Martin Donnelly	D
3	*Terry Moore	D
4	Bob Dogancic	D
7	*Mike Stojanovic	F
8	Erich Geyer	D
9	Lorenz Hilkes	F
10	Kaz Deyna	M
13	*Guy Newman	D
14	*Gordon Dallas	D
15	Jean Willrich	F
16	*Ty Keough	D
17	*Steve Nesin	F
18	Manu Sanon	F
21	*Peter Skouras	F
22	*Julie Vee	F
24	Nico Rohmann	D
26	Gert Wieczorkowski	D
Coach: Ron Newman		

#### San Jose Earthquakes

HAD a terrible time last season, finishing bottom of their Western Division.

Overall, they've done quite well in their seven seasons to date, with attendances over the 15,000 mark. With George Best around, there should be no shortage of interest.

1	*Bob Stetler	G
2	†Alan Merrick	D
3	*Mike Hunter	D
4	*Jim McAlister	D
5	Vasa Rutenjski	D
6	†Tony Powell	D
7	Steve David	F
8	Joe Horvath	M
11	†George Best	M
12	Stavko Licinar	F
13	†Tony Crescitelli	F
14	†Steve Ryan	M
15	*Easy Perez	F
18	*Tim Schulz	M
20	*Gary Etherington	F
21	*Joe Silveira	M
23	Andries Maseko	M
24	*Mike Hewitt	G
Injured: Derek Evans		
Coach: Jim Gabriel		

#### Seattle Sounders

ALAN HINTON makes no bones about the fact he wants basically an all-British line-up, apart from the necessary three Americans. He has many familiar names in his squad and they could be the side to rival the Cosmos. Since 1974 there has been a steady progression, with gates around 25,000.

1	*Jack Brand	G
2	†Kevin Bond	D
3	†David Nish	D
4	†Alan Hudson	M
6	†Roy Greaves	F
7	†Paul Hammond	G
8	†Roger Davies	F
9	*Al Trost	M
10	†Steve Daley	M
13	†Jeff Bourne	F
15	†Steve Buttle	M
16	*Jeff Stock	D
18	†Bruce Rioch	D
19	†Frank Barton	M
21	*Mark Peterson	F
22	*Fred Hamel	M
24	*Steve Pecher	D
25	*Brian Schmetzer	M
26	*Mike Ivanow	G
29	*Ian Bridge	D
	†Shaun Elliott	D
	†Stan Cummins	M
Coach: Alan Hinton		

#### Toronto Blizzard

KEITH EDDY'S job was on the line after a poor start this season and Jimmy Greenhoff had failed to produce the goods. Champions in 1976, with Eusebio in the team, they have not built on that despite a change of name (from the Metros) plus extra marketing — "Toronto has been hit by a Blizzard".

1	*Tony Chursky	G
2	*Bruce Wilson	D
4	*Sam Lenarduzzi	D
5	Gungor Tekin	D
6	†Colin Franks	D
7	Tore Cervin	F
8	†Jimmy Greenhoff	F
10	†Cliff Calvert	M
11	Jomo Sono	M
12	†Malcolm Robertson	M
14	*Gordon Sweetzer	F
15	Luigi Martini	D
16	*Randy Ragan	D
19	*Graham Hatley	F
21	Gianpaolo Boniperti	M/D
22	*Blagoje Tamindzic	G
24	Julius Sono	M
26	Jose Velzquez	M
27	*Gordon Wallace	M
28	*Dave McQueen	M
	Clyde Best	F
Coach: Keith Eddy		

#### Tulsa Roughnecks

COULD be the dark horses this summer. The Americans should appreciate Duncan

McKenzie's skills and the British influence is evident throughout the side. So far there hasn't been much success in "America's Oil Capital", but they have probably their best team ever.

0	*Delroy Allen	G
1	*Zeljko Bilecki	G
2	†Alan Dugdale	D
3	†Barry Wallace	D
4	Johannes Edvaldsson	D
5	*Kevin Eagan	D
6	*Joe Morrone	M
7	†Alan Woodward	F
8	†David McCreery	M
9	Iraj Danifard	M
10	†Duncan McKenzie	F
11	†Chris McGrath	F
12	†Billy Caskey	F
13	†George Gibbs	D
14	†Dean Neal	F
15	*Alex Skotarek	D
17	†Jimmy Kelly	M
18	†Victor Moreland	D
19	*Garnett Moen	F
22	*Paul Hunter	D
Coach: Charlie Mitchell		

#### Vancouver Whitecaps

BEAT the Cosmos in the 1979 Final, but in 1980 they were hit by internal troubles, with coach Bob McNab losing his job. Johnny Giles, who needs no introduction, is now in charge and he should get the Whitecaps back to their best.

2	Jimmy Holmes	D
3	†Terry Yorath	M
5	*Bob Lenarduzzi	D
6	†Roger Kenyon	D
7	*Buzz Parsons	F
8	†David Thomas	F
9	†Ray Hankin	F
11	†Peter Lorimer	F
12	*Paul Nelson	D
15	*Jim Armstrong	D
16	*Ron Village	D
17	*David Norman	M
18	Liam Buckley	F
20	Pierce O'Leary	D
21	†Carl Valentine	F
22	†David Harvey	G
23	†Shaun Lowther	D
24	*Brent Barling	F
25	*Gerry Gray	M
26	*Ralston Dunlop	F
27	*Sam Saundh	M
28	*Hans Granander	F
29	†Mark Nickeas	D
30	*Wayne Gordy	G
31	*Randy Keen	F
	†Peter Beardsley	G
Coach: John Giles		
Injured: †Steve Taylor, †Alan Taylor, †Peter Roe, *Carl Shearer		

#### Washington Diplomats

LAST year's Washington Diplomats folded, but the Detroit Express moved to the city and assumed the old name. The Express were formed with the help of Jimmy Hill and boasted Trevor Francis for one season. They've started well in their new home.

1	†Jim Brown	G
2	*Benny Dargle	D
3	*Ivan Belfiore	D
4	†Peter Carr	D
5	Heinz Wirtz	D
6	†Malcolm Waldron	D
7	†Don Nardiello	F
8	†Ross Jenkins	F
9	†Paul Cannell	F
10	†David Bradford	M
11	†Trevor Hebbard	M
12	*Angus Moffat	M
14	*David McGill	M
15	Peter Baralic	M
16	*Ken Murphy	D
17	*Die Mikkelsen	F
21	*Dale Baxter	G
22	†Eddie Colquhoun	D
31	*Craig Tomlinson	G
Coach: Ken Furphy		



# HAMPDEN PLAYS IT AGAIN

Rangers' quest to end their season on a high note ground to a halt in the first game against Dundee United, who held them to a goalless draw at Hampden Park in the Scottish Cup Final. Here's the pick of the action.



United's Billy Kirkwood (orange) is crowded out by Bobby Russell (left) and Sandy Jardine.



Rangers striker Colin McAdam gets in a header at goal despite the presence of United's Paul Hegarty.



United dangerman Paul Sturrock is beaten to the ball by Rangers sweeper Tom Forsyth.



A moment of drama in an otherwise drab game. With the last kick of normal time, Ian Redford hits this penalty straight at United keeper Hamish McAlpine.

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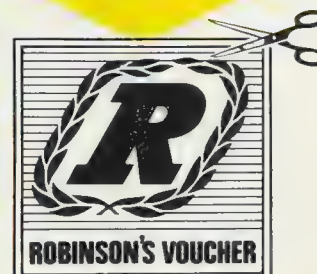
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For the past 11 years I have been delighted to spend my footballing career with one of the greatest clubs in the world, the famous Glasgow Rangers.

Now, however, in the close season I will have to sit down and take stock of the future. It's possible that my career at Ibrox will not be extended into a 12th year.

It's obviously going to be a very difficult and painful decision to make if I think it is the end of the road for myself and Rangers.

I was deeply saddened earlier this month when manager John Greig left me out of the team for the first Scottish Cup Final game against Dundee United and I couldn't even get a place on the substitutes bench.

Although I played in the replay, which Rangers won 4-1, I must still think hard about my future.

It was one of the most frustrating experiences of my life to sit in the Hampden stand and watch the lads in that goalless draw.

I had played in all the Cup games prior to the big occasion and naturally hoped I would be selected to face Dundee United. The fact that I wasn't even named as sub is obviously very worrying.

Do I have a career at Ibrox? Only last month I signed a new one-year contract and obviously wouldn't have done so if I had thought I would soon be packing my bags. I

United's Eamonn Bannon blasts a free-kick wide of the Rangers wall.



# 'I MAY HAVE TO LEAVE, RANGERS'

have heard rumours of clubs in America, Canada and England preparing to make an offer to me, but I stress I am in no rush to leave Ibrox.

My form this season has been extremely disappointing. I am the first to admit this.

Certainly the criticism that has come my way from some quarters has opened my eyes and hopefully I will become a better player for the experiences, painful though they have been.

It's difficult for me to talk like this. If someone had told me I would be writing a column like this only a few weeks ago I would have thought they were crazy. But things have taken a drastic turn.

## Grumbled

I have been dropped from the team a few times during the season and never once grumbled with manager John Greig's decision.

He has a difficult enough job to do without his experienced players making things worse for him.

However, reserve team football is absolutely no use to me at this stage of my career and if I have to go elsewhere to get a first team place then that's the decision I will have to make.

May I also say it is not a decision to which I am looking forward to.

Well, what did I think of the Cup Final? My heart went out to Ian Redford, who had the misfortune to miss a penalty with literally the last kick of the game before it went into extra-time. But that was all forgotten in the replay as goals from Davie Cooper, John MacDonald (two) and Bobby Russell gave us the trophy for the 24th time.

The fans were tremendous in both games. I hope I don't have to leave that support behind.

**TARTAN TALK FROM  
CELTIC'S DANNY  
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



...from  
Sandy Johnstone, but Derek  
Johnstone is not part of that  
action.





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# A tribute to Scottish Champions Celtic

**W**HEN Billy McNeill took over from Jock Stein as Celtic manager three years ago he was taking on a monumental task.

The team's confidence had collapsed under a welter of defeats. Every club in the Premier Division — with the odd exception of Dundee United — had beaten them at least once during the season. That included a shameful defeat against little Clydebank at Kilbowie, one of only six Top Ten wins the part-time club managed that term.

Celtic, with such a great Cup tradition, were knocked out of the

What is McNeill's secret of success? He says: "You must work hard and have a good staff. My assistant, John Clark, had the opportunity to join Partick Thistle as their manager during the season, but he remained loyal to Celtic.

"That's the sort of dedication I demand from everyone at Parkhead . . . and I mean EVERYONE. We've all got our part to play. This is no one man band."

When McNeill took over he made no rash promises. He said quietly, but firmly: "Our immediate aim is to field a Celtic team which will challenge in every

Cup exit the previous term . . . now he was being given the opportunity to show what he could while playing for the club.

And for £100,000 McNeill persuaded Dumbarton into selling their Under-21 midfield powerhouse Murdo MacLeod. The bidding for both Provan and MacLeod, if McNeill ever decided to sell, would have to start at £½ million each!

To make way for McNeill's acquisitions, players had to move out. Joe Craig (Blackburn), Paul Wilson (Motherwell), Johannes Edvaldsson (America), Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley), Joe Filippi (Clyde),

Aberdeen to be whittled away, with The Dons coming from behind to clinch their first title success in 25 years.

Celtic, however, claimed the Scottish Cup after yet another dramatic shoot-out with old rivals Rangers at Hampden and they have built upon that success this season.

McNeill has claimed the crown without having to buy a player and that is fairly remarkable in this day and age. He spent £275,000 on Frank McGarvey from Liverpool last year and has resisted all temptation in parting with more cash to strengthen his side.

Instead, McNeill has brought in youngsters such as Pat Bonner,

FROM LEFT: Frank McGarvey, Billy McNeill and Murdo MacLeod.



## GAMBLER McNEILL COMES UP TRUMPS

Scottish Cup in the Fourth Round by unrated First Division opponents Kilmarnock.

It was the first time Celtic had ever been beaten in the Cup by a team from a lower Division.

There was no consolation in reaching the League Cup Final . . . they lost that encounter when Rangers' Gordon Smith, now with Brighton, dived to head in the winner only three minutes from the end of extra-time.

Celtic didn't even manage to book a place in Europe and finished an almost unbelievable 19 points behind Rangers in the League table, in fifth place.

It was in this troubled climate that Celtic decided drastic action was needed urgently and McNeill, the most successful captain in the club's history before quitting in 1975, was the man the Parkhead board decided could give the club the kiss of life.

And Billy McNeill has done just that.

match and chase every honour.

"The fans are proud of this club and I am sure they will give the players all the encouragement they require.

"If the fans are patient, responsive and responsible in their support they can rest assured that I will leave no stone unturned to get things buzzing again at Celtic Park.

"The supporters should know that the Celtic job is the only management post that could have tempted me to leave Aberdeen."

He swept into Parkhead, making it clear that he only wanted players who would give their all for the club. The others were no good to him.

McNeill pulled off an incredible bargain buy when he spent a paltry £125,000 in signing Davie Provan from Kilmarnock. Provan had been instrumental in Celtic's shock

Roy Baines (Morton), Alfie Conn (Hearts), and Peter Mackie (Dundee) were all sold as McNeill set about balancing the books.

The massive clear-out had immediate effect. Players started playing as though their lives depended upon it and Celtic were amazingly transformed.

### Powerful

There was a fairytale ending to the season when Celtic took on powerful rivals Rangers at Parkhead in a game where they had to win if they were to clinch the Premier Division crown. Trailing for most of the game, Celtic fought back to win a memorable match 4-2 and steal the title.

There was a hiccup in the progress last season when Celtic allowed a nine point lead over

Mark Reid, John Weir, Charlie Nicholas and Michael Conroy and they have settled in well. In fact, McNeill's only dealing in the transfer market was to bring another £60,000 into the Celtic kitty by selling right-back Alan Sneddon to Hibs.

Now McNeill's main task is to stave off the host of interested English clubs who are queuing at his door seeking the signature of many of his leading players — young Nicholas in particular.

"I have no intention of selling any of the players who helped us take the title," says McNeill. "I am happy with my squad, and would like to think they are all happy to stay here.

"We're not the complete article yet," says McNeill. "We've still got to work at our game. There are plenty of challenges ahead."

Billy McNeill, the first British captain to get his hands on the European Cup, is still very definitely a winner!



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This week's Star Letter comes from A. Sexton of Perry Barr, Birmingham, who wins our Special Prize of £10. She writes:

## Villa deserved title

IT has made me increasingly angry to read that Ipswich have 'given' the Championship to Aston Villa.

Villa won the Championship because they were the best team throughout the 42 matches.

Despite their magnificent record, so-called knowledgeable people in football still seem to rate Villa as second-class, believing Ipswich to be the better team.

It is true Ipswich have beaten Villa twice in the League this season, but Luton have performed the same feat over West Ham, but everybody still agrees West Ham were the best side in the Second Division.

Villa have been labelled a "good team" with Ipswich having all the great individuals, but surely a good team is made up of outstanding players?

People seem to have been sympathising with Ipswich lately, forgetting to congratulate Villa on the marvellous football they have played this season. Indeed, every Villa fan will tell you that they have been given magnificent value for money.

Villa won the Championship not because of a default by Ipswich, but because they were the best team.

● Any team which wins the Championship deserves to. Ipswich, in the end, after promising so much, failed to produce the goods when it really mattered.

## Unfair to Sexton

WHEN Man. Utd. have a good team and manager, the manager goes.

In 1977 Tommy Docherty was sacked after winning the F.A. Cup.

United got a good manager, Dave Sexton; they win seven games on the trot after an awful spell. They finish in the top eight after finishing second the season before and have an awful injury crisis. Then they give Dave the sack.

Perhaps Dave had his faults but he didn't deserve the sack. United don't have a divine right to be Champions and the directors should remember that.

TIMOTHY CONWAY,  
GT. MISSENDEN.

## Forget the past

AFTER Dave Sexton's sacking by Manchester United despite seven consecutive League victories, the question must surely be raised: what sort of standards the manager of a club such as United should attain?

I'm sure the decision by the Old Trafford board shocked everyone who is not only aware of Dave Sexton's talent as an exceptional manager, but the people who appreciate football all over Britain.

It seems that United supporters are still pining for the days of players such

as George Best (right) and Bobby Charlton. Those days have long gone — and it is asking a lot for Dave Sexton to match up to those exceptional standards set up by the great Matt Busby and his team.

Let's hope Dave will find another managerial position soon — although after this disappointment I'm not sure if he thinks all the effort is worth it.

SIMON FROST,  
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

## Bad leadership

WHAT bad leadership was shown in the sacking of Dave Sexton.

Sexton arrived four years ago, and since he has been at the club he has taken Man. Utd. to an F.A. Cup Final, led them into Europe, United haven't been outside the top ten in those four years, and they finished seventh in Division One.

PAUL RICHARDSON,  
ROTHERHAM.

● I received many letters on this subject and not one backed United's decision. Perhaps after appointing so many 'poor' managers — four have been sacked since Sir Matt Busby — the people who do the appointing should take a long look at themselves.

## Too much tactics!

BEING an England fan I'm sure that others will agree that England's performances this season have been poor and disappointing.

The problems lie in our match tactics, lack of ability at international level and players not getting any younger.

Our players are filled up with too much tactical information prior to the game which stifles their ability.

We are short of two class wingers, a strong centre-forward and a couple of agile strikers to 'feed' off him.

Some of our players are now living on past reputations and are becoming too 'mature', for want of a better word, for international soccer; no names mentioned.

CHRIS LEE,  
BARBOURNE.

● But are the younger players good enough?

## Buck up

ENGLAND's World Cup failure should not be blamed entirely on Ron Greenwood, but on the players for the lack of enthusiasm.

I think if England are to qualify for Spain the players must change their attitude and start looking as if they want to win, not just for themselves, but for the whole of England.

IAN ROGERS,  
RADSTOCK.

● Something must be done. See SHOOT VIEW on page 3.

## Boring Europe

THE recent European Cup matches between Liverpool and Bayern Munich showed the poor state of European soccer.

In the away legs both sides packed their defences and had little trouble coping with both attacks.

Although taking nothing away from Liverpool, the ties overall were very disappointing.

The only difference between the two sides was Liverpool took their chance in the away leg, while Bayern hit the bar at Anfield.

Surely this does not auger well for the future because defensive qualities seem to outweigh attacking qualities which leads to boring soccer.

PAUL COLEMAN,  
OMAGH.

● The make-up of the Euro Cup will invariably encourage caution, but I've seen more exciting Euro ties involving 'Pool than boring ones.



## ASK THE EXPERT

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## Winning birthday

As a keen Birmingham City supporter, I'd like to know if they played on 23rd March, 1963 — the day I was born?

STEPHEN WHITEHURST,  
BIRMINGHAM

● They sure did. Stephen, and the Blues beat local rivals Aston Villa 3-1 in the first leg — it was played on a home-and-away aggregate basis in those days — of the Football League Cup Final.

And, as Birmingham drew 0-0 in the second leg at Villa Park four days later, they took the League Cup that season.

## Highest aggregate

What has been the highest aggregate score in any of the major European club competitions?

SIMON RILEY,  
SKETMERSDALE

● Reckon you'd be hard pushed to find a better one than Chelsea's 21-0 trouncing of Jeunesse Haicharage (Luxembourg) in the Cup Winners' Cup in the 1971-72 season, Simon.

They followed up an 8-0 away win with another 13-0 victory at Stamford Bridge in the second leg.

## Blanchflower

Which clubs did Danny Blanchflower play for?

G. MURRAY,  
STRANRAER

● Danny kicked off his distinguished professional career with Glentoran, in the Irish League, before being transferred to Barnsley in 1948.

There he played 68 League games, followed by 148 for Aston Villa, and then — in his greatest days — 337 for Spurs.

With the latter, Blanchflower led the famous 'Double' winning side of 1960-61 — and also gained an F.A. Cup winners medal the following year, and one for the European Cup Winners' Cup the year after that.

He played in 56 full internationals for Northern Ireland, and was voted 'Footballer of the Year' for both 1958 and 1961.

## SHORT PASSES

● Liverpool's record attendance is 61,905 — v. Wolves (F.A. Cup Fourth Round, 2nd February, 1952).  
(SIMON POTTER, Swindon)

● Gordon McQueen played 140 League games (15 goals) for Leeds before moving on to Manchester United in February, 1973.  
(INE CHONG HENG, Singapore)

● Three England players have gained a century of full caps — Billy Wright (1946-1959) 105, Bobby Charlton (1958-1970) 106, and Bobby Moore (1962-1973) 108.  
(SIMON PRINGLE, Durham)

(Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.)



**T**HE striker's job is what football is all about — a devastating defence beater with the killer punch to crash in those all important goals.

He's the target for crosses, corners, spot-kicks — and defenders.

He has the most important job on the pitch. Scoring means winning, winning means big success in the soccer circus.

It's all about pressure, but big Joe Jordan, the man with the famous toothless grin, handles the pressure. Like all the top strikers he has the ability to hit home whatever the time and place.

Joe is Manchester United's hit-man and has been terrorising defenders for many years now. He is the epitome of the traditional British centre-forward. He's big and powerful, never afraid to take a knock to get in a shot, yet agile and skilful. The perfect ingredient for the knock out drops that send

"If I get that space I'm laughing." Joe doesn't believe in specific instructions for individual players. "The forward needs freedom," he said.

### Stop Defences

Strikers aren't just paid to knock in goals. They have to contain in the opposition's half, and if they lose the ball, try to get it back. They have to "do their bit" and try to stamp out an opposition build

up in their own half.

"I have to stop the defence working. I have to cause as many problems as I can, and pick up everything and try to turn it into a chance.

"But how well you do this depends on the individual's assets.

"The striker has a very important role, but no matter what assets he possesses he is very dependent on other players.

"As a striker, I can't really categorise myself, I'm a target man, I make myself available, and as long as I do that, then I'm doing my job."

And making himself available

means a lot of thought behind positioning, whether it's for free-kicks, corners or crosses.

"For crosses and corners I have several options.

"I can go to front or back post, go for goal myself, or make a chance for someone else. If there is a set piece from a corner or a free-kick then there are normally four of us involved, all playing an equal part.

"Myself, Lou Macari, Gordon McQueen and whoever is taking the kick.

"Gordon and myself normally run to it as it comes over, but we have no set formation for

**No. 3 of a fascinating series in which top stars talk about their specialised roles and other players they admire.**

# How hit-

the opposition reeling.

"It's hard at the front, but I wouldn't swap my job for anything. It's exciting being a striker, I really enjoy it," says the man who is still in a wages dispute at Old Trafford.

Manchester United's Scottish international is the archetypal striker.

### A Target

But the centre-forward's job isn't just to sit back and wait for the ball to be plonked at his feet, he has to fight for it like the rest.

"I'm just another cog in the wheel," he said.

"There are different types of striker. The out and out finishers and the target men. I'm a target man, the man the rest of the team aim for.

"My personal contribution is to link up with midfield and defence and hold the ball.

"I also support players who are going for goal.

"I have to be able to get in the box and help others by making chances for them when I can't bang it in myself. I make goals as well as score them.

"I have an involvement in distribution at Manchester United. I help the other lads, and I'm a lot more involved in the build up than I was at Leeds.

"But if I can get space once I am in the box then I'm going to get the ball, that's a very important job — making myself available in the box.



Joe comes to grief under the weight of a fearsome tackle from Aston Villa's determined centre-half Allan Evans.

positioning — just where we think we'll cause the most damage.

"The most important jobs are to be in the right place at the right time. Timing is most important in the box.

### Dynamic Lou

"Few realise quite how dangerous Lou Macari can be in these situations, he may be small but he's really dynamite. It also shows that you don't have to be a big lad to be a successful striker."

Being the front man, Joe often finds himself alone with either the





'keeper or a defender.

"One to one situations are all about bluff. It may look easy but it is the most difficult position any player could find himself in.

"You need a lot of nerve and a lot of cool.

"For instance, even the coolest of players can miss sitters from a one to one situation: Trevor Francis playing for England against Rumania. At one stage he had an open net, but he fluffed it. You can't take time to make decisions in a one to one situation, because somebody'll pounce on you."

### Rough Justice

The star striker of any team always gets a little rough justice from enthusiastic defenders.

"Of course I do get a fair battering, but it's a physical game anyway. That's why we get good sized crowds — they like to see a good hard game.

"I have to get that ball in the back of the net, and a defender has to stop me. I get knocks, but rarely anything really strenuous.



Jordan believes that Ipswich's Alan Brazil deserves credit for his contribution to his club's recent success.

one or two tricks to catch your pals out.

"You don't have to be big or strong to be good, look at little Lou Macari, he's terrific on the pitch."

The most glamorous position on the pitch. To most fans all it looks Joe Jordan has to do is add the finishing touch to the Manchester United build up.

But there's much more to it than that.

Strike a blow for defenders, start early in the goal getting league and carry on when Joe leaves off to make the English soccer League the most spectacular in the world.

**Next week: West Brom and England midfielder BRYAN ROBSON reveals the secrets of his role.**

# man Jordan strikes

"Anyone who doesn't get a goal wouldn't be in the team. You have to expect the knocks if you take the game seriously."

When he can get away from ball hungry defenders he tries to partner Garry Birtles up front. The two are still trying to work out an understanding.

### Working Partners

"I don't have a definite partner on the pitch, but I work a lot with Steve Coppell and Mickey Thomas, our two wingers.

"As for men in my position, there are a lot of very good players. They are all good, if they weren't they wouldn't be playing.

"I don't like to name individuals, but Alan Brazil and Paul Mariner deserve all the credit they get. They have a fantastic reputation."

But defenders are the men the striker has to worry about.

"Nobody on a football field worries me, simple as that.

"But as far as defenders go, it all depends on how good a defender is on the day. Nobody is absolutely consistent. If you're having a bad game he'll be all over you. They'll be all over you, no matter how good or bad they are.

### Great Goalies

"But if you're playing well, again no matter who it is, they have the problem. I don't want to put anyone above anyone else, because they are all so good, especially in Division One."

Joe rates the three international 'keepers as the men to watch, Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan.

"They each deserve all the credit they get. They are all very

consistent, in fact all the top 'keepers are as good as each other. It's another case of being very competitive, that's the name of the game.

"But no matter who the 'keeper, if I put a goal past him I class it as a great goal.

"I get a tremendous lift from scoring."

Another tremendous lift comes from Manchester United's legendary following.

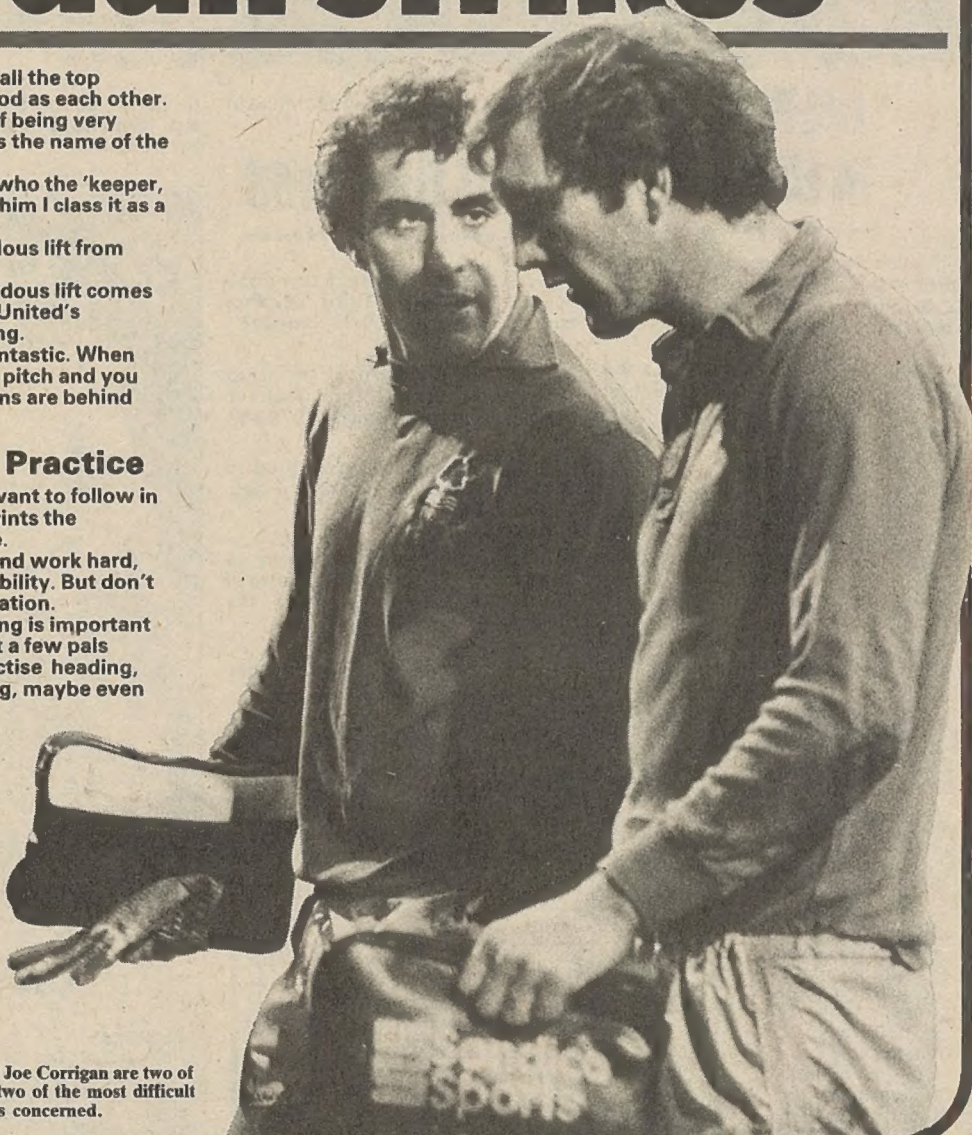
"The fans are fantastic. When you're out on that pitch and you realise all those fans are behind you, well . . ."

### Shooting Practice

And if the kids want to follow in the Jordan bootprints the message is simple.

"Be dedicated and work hard, use your natural ability. But don't forsake your education.

"Practical training is important for the striker. Get a few pals together and practise heading, shooting, dribbling, maybe even



Peter Shilton (left) and Joe Corrigan are two of the top 'keepers, and two of the most difficult to beat as far as Joe is concerned.



## TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

# Quiz Time



## IPSWICH IN EUROPE

Ipswich Town were involved in the UEFA Cup Final first-leg recently. Can you answer the following questions about the tie?

1. Ipswich had a tremendous 3-0 win. John Wark scored the first from the penalty spot. Was it his 11th, 12th or 13th goal in Europe this season?
2. Did the penalty result from a shot by Paul Mariner, Alan Brazil or Eric Gates being handled on the line?
3. What was the half-time score?
4. Who were the scorers of the other two goals?

## TRACE-A

## TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Bristol City players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

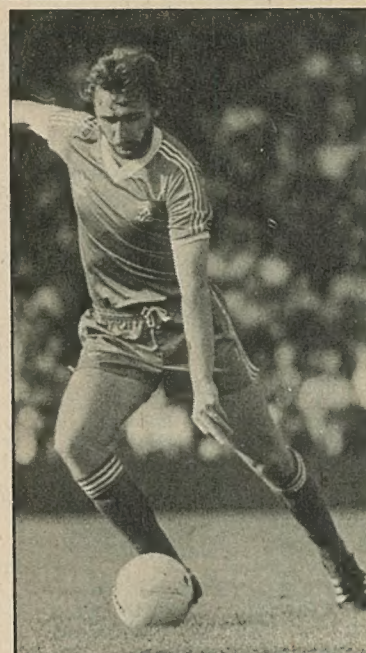
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Brian Clough (below) began his managerial career with which Fourth Division club?



## TRUE or FALSE?

1. Manchester United finished the 1980-81 season with ten consecutive League wins.
2. Lawrie McMenemy represented England's full international side as a player on two occasions.
3. Leeds United's talented midfield star Brian Flynn (below) began his League career with Third Division Burnley.
4. Stenhousemuir play their home Scottish Second Division games at Bayview Park.
5. Queen of the South were Scottish Second Division Champions for 1980-81.



## DEFENDERS

1. Kenny Burns (Nottingham Forest), Mark Lawrenson (Brighton), or Trevor Cherry (Leeds United) was voted the Football Writers' Footballer of the Year in 1978?
2. Which one of these players — Tony McAndrew (Middlesbrough, above), Kevin Steggles (Ipswich Town) or Paul Lodge (Everton) is not a recognised defender?
3. Billy Bonds skippered which other London club before joining West Ham?
4. Dundee United's Iain Phillip once starred in the English First Division with which club?
5. Mel Blyth was given a free transfer by which Third Division club at the end of the 1980-81 season?

## ANSWERS:—

SPOT THE CLUBS: 1. Exeter 2. Aberdeen 3. Arsenal 4. Nottingham Forest against Rangers 5. Hartlepool  
TRUE OR FALSE: 1. False — it was seven consecutive wins 2. False — he never played for England 3. True 4. False — they play at Ochilvie Park 5. True  
DEFENDERS: 1. Kenny Burns 2. Lodge 3. Charlton 4. Crystal Palace 5. Millwall  
IPSWICH IN EUROPE: 1. 13th 2. Mariner 3. 1-0 to Ipswich 4. Frans Thijssen and Paul Mariner 5. Yes  
TRACE-A-TEAM: Cashley, Shaw, Merrick, Rodgers, Sweeney, Gillies, Tainton, Mann, Gow, Ritchie, Garland, Royle

## ON THE BALL ANSWERS

### ACROSS:—

- (3) Apex. (4) Ten. (6) Stray. (7) Score. (9) Eat. (13) Cooper. (14) Hartford. (15) Ban. (16) Coventry. (17) Deehan. (19) Ale. (21) Ewood. (23) Ankle. (24) Van. (25) Knee.

### DOWN:—

- (1) Hansen. (2) Perryman. (4) Two. (5) Dye. (8) Coppell. (10) Alfredo. (11) Motor. (12) Brian. (14) Hay. (15) Brooking. (18) Reeves. (20) Ear. (22) Own.



# Medals of Honour

WELCOME to SHOOT'S special investiture ceremony. The following soccer personalities receive our unofficial "gongs" in a light-hearted review of a memorable 1980-81 season . . .



**FRANK LAMPARD.** Close Encounters Medal. For persuading bruised wingers to carry bottles of witch hazel in their shorts.



**RON GREENWOOD.** Protection Racket Medal. For shouldering most of the blame while his England players escaped criticism.



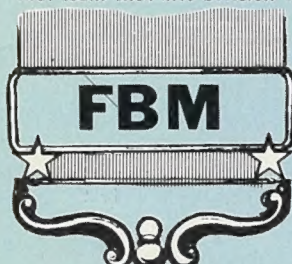
**CLIVE ALLEN.** Order of the Combination League. For devotion to duty with Palace reserves while the first team shot into Division Two.



**GARRY BIRTLES.** Birtolian Order of Pipreamers. For believing he will score a League goal for Man. Utd. before the sea turns red.



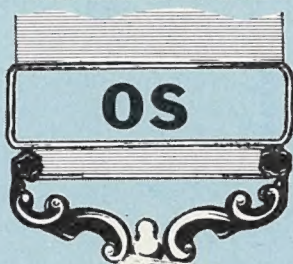
**MICHAEL ROBINSON.** Order of Solitary Confinement. For scoring goals in penalty boxes where his Brighton team-mates feared to tread.



**CLIVE THOMAS.** Finding Bovver Medal. For devotion to trouble-shooting.



**KEVIN BOND.** Great Escape Medal. For getting out of Norwich faster than Ronnie Biggs left prison.



**LAWRIE McMENEMY.** Order of Secrecy. For maintaining saintly silence about a job the rest of football knew he would get.

## NEXT WEEK...



PREVIEWS of these vital World Cup-ties: Switzerland v. England + Sweden v. Northern Ireland + Wales v. Russia. Comments from the manager and players involved.

**Plus** . . . Dave Watson 'My England future'. Willie Young's golden goal for Arsenal.

Dave Johnson 'Why Ipswich can be another Liverpool'. Frankie Gray battling against brother Eddie for a first team spot at Leeds.

What Willie Johnston hates about the game in Scotland.



West Brom and England star Bryan Robson (above) talks about his role and names the midfielder he most admires.

Gary Shaw 'My top 20 goals'.

Dave Sexton's sacking — United fans have their say.

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# FOCUS ON GARRY THOMPSON

## Coventry City

**FULL NAME:** Garry Thompson  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Kings Heath, Birmingham  
**BIRTHDAY:** October 7, 1959  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft  
**WEIGHT:** 12st 9lbs  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None  
**MARRIED:** To Louise  
**CHILDREN:** None  
**CAR:** Talbot Solara and Ford Capri  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Star  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Leopoldo Luque  
**MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE:** David Barnes  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Aston Villa  
**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** George Best  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Squash and table tennis  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Paul Dyson in training  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Two

**goals against Southampton after breaking a leg**  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Breaking a leg in training  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** West Ham  
**FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK:** L'escargot and white wine with a dash of lime  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES:** Grub, scoring goals/ignorant people (Tom English)  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Bognor  
**FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE:** Trevor McDonald/Emily Bishop  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Sleeping, eating sweets  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Stevie Wonder, Phil Lynott, The Jam

**AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE:** A shandy with the lads and then go out with the wife  
**BEST FRIEND:** Paul Dyson  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Bert Edwards, Coventry's youth coach  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Under-21 cap  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To make a million  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Chartered accountant  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** The Pope

*Garry Thompson*

*They're all beat crazy in Coventry, and Garry Thompson and team-mate Tommy English are obviously no exception. But maybe Tom isn't quite the guitarist he would like to be, as Garry shows in no uncertain terms!*



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